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Bermuda Talks

WHILE it is true one of the aims of the Bermuda meeting between President Eisenhower and Mr Macmillan is to heal the breach in Anglo-American relations caused by British military intervention in the Suez Canal, this is not a subject figuring on the agenda. As the President has intimated, there will be no crying over spilt milk; nor will there be recriminations. The fact that the political chiefs of the two countries are now in cordial conference is sufficient to ensure full re-establishment of friendship and understanding between Britain and America.

The principal purpose of the Bermuda meeting has been simply but clearly stated—to reach an understanding on common policies to carry out common objectives. And if this can be realised the value of the conference will be felt far and wide.

ON the question of basic principles there has not been, nor is there, Anglo-American differences. But there have been divergencies over policies intended to make effective those principles and these have given rise to misunderstandings and a certain amount of disunity. The Bermuda meeting promises integration and consolidation of policies and a consequent new solidarity of viewpoint.

It is acknowledged that in any discussions dealing with the problem of the Middle East the opinions of President Eisenhower and Mr Dulles must weigh heavily. America has assumed bigger responsibilities in that area; is in a position to exert, and has already exerted, considerable influence on Israel and the Arab states; the Eisenhower economic doctrine represents a fundamental aspect of the new US Middle East policy. These are considerations which neither Mr Macmillan nor Mr Selwyn Lloyd will minimise. In truth they are factors which Britain welcomes, recognising them as being capable of materially helping to bring stability to the Middle East.

THERE does not appear to be any real difficulty in President Eisenhower and Mr Macmillan reaching agreement on common policies relating to the Middle East inasmuch that both America and Britain share common objectives—pacification of the area, establishment of freedom of navigation for all shipping in the Suez Canal and the Gulf of Aqaba, permanent safeguards for the supply of oil, and aiding the under-developed Arab states towards economic stability.

The Bermuda talks, however, must to some extent be hazy by the as yet undefined attitude of President Nasser to these Anglo-American objectives. Britain distrusts Nasser (and not without cause), and sees in him the real obstruction to a durable settlement of the Middle East problem; the American viewpoint at the moment is less severe. Nevertheless disagreement in this direction is unlikely to provide an obstacle to full agreement on essentials, and there is every good reason to believe the current discussions will richly produce a new Anglo-American alignment of international policies.

In Your Saturday Mail

- Here are some of the highlights of your favourite week-end newspaper—the feature-packed China Mail:
- ★ Russia's school teachers face a tremendous problem...
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 - ★ Nkrumah's biography contains some hard blows at Britain;
 - ★ Intelligence Report on the Panama Canal, by Sefton Delmer.
- There are all your regular favourites as well including Jane Roberts' film reviews, three picture pages, record reviews, cartoons, comic strips and Glee—all in the Saturday Mail.

Today's Highlights:

Britain says: We'd like to see the end of Nasser.

Britain says: We're not here to talk about spilt milk.

Britain says: We want to increase trade with China.

NEW PIPELINES FOR EUROPE

Eisenhower, Macmillan Agreement Reported SUCCESSFUL TALKS

Hamilton, Mar. 21.

Britain and the United States have agreed on a joint policy to build big oil pipelines to ensure Middle East oil supplies to Europe, it was learned today.

The subject was discussed by President Eisenhower and Mr Harold Macmillan, the Prime Minister, at their summit talks here. It is understood the pipelines might be in Turkey.

BRITAIN PLANS 'BIT BY BIT' INCREASE IN TRADE

From RENE McCOLL

Bermuda, Mar. 21. Britain is determined on a large-scale extension of her trade with China.

But knowing how strongly President Eisenhower and Mr Dulles feel about such trade the unpalatable news is to be conveyed to them with a minimum of publicity at the talks which open in Bermuda today.

Mr Macmillan's government has come to the conclusion that the economic situation makes it absolutely necessary for Britain to resume trading with a country possessing such enormous market potentialities.

As one high British official here told me: "It is just about impossible to hold off doing business with China any longer if the man in the tractor factory at Coventry knows his pay packet might be made fatter and more secure."

The resumption of exports will be undertaken unobtrusively and will be accomplished at first simply by adding bit by bit to the "exceptions" on the embargo list.

In this way American susceptibilities in and out of Congress are less likely to be ruffled. And it is likely, I understand, Britain will agree to "go along" with the Americans in shelving once again the question of admitting Red China to the United Nations.

—London Express Service.

Viscounts Back

London, Mar. 21. Twelve British Viscount 701 aircraft which were withdrawn from service after the fatal Manchester air disaster last week, will fly again tomorrow, a B.E.A. spokesman said today.

The spokesman said the mechanism controlling the aircraft wing-flaps had been overhauled and was now in good working order.—France-Press.

Border Clash

Tel Aviv, Mar. 21. Israeli and Jordanian frontier positions exchanged fire near Megiddo in northern Israel today after a Jordan patrol had penetrated into Israeli territory, an Israeli army spokesman said tonight.—France-Press.

An official British spokesman said "There had been a great measure of agreement" between President Eisenhower and Mr Macmillan.

"Many details must be worked out, but the atmosphere was extremely good."

Mr James Haggerty, the White House Press Secretary, said the two statesmen this afternoon continued discussion of "their common problems in the Middle East."

Serious Planning

John Heffernan, special Reuters correspondent covering the talks at Bermuda said the agreement on the pipeline opened the way for experts to begin serious planning of the project.

Britain did not favour the projected Israeli pipeline from the southern Negov port of Elath to the Mediterranean as a supplementary channel to the Suez Canal.

IKE SAYS: I FEEL FINE!

By RALPH HARRIS

Hamilton, Mar. 21. President Eisenhower—beaming, relaxed and picture of robust health—exclaimed happily: "A few days after he and Mr Harold Macmillan posed for 45 press photographers in midst of their Bermuda summit conference."

Mr Eisenhower certainly seemed a changed man compared with his appearance in Washington a day or so before he left the United States last Thursday.

The cruise here, which included three days in the sparkling blue Atlantic, has done him a world of good.

He looked even better today than he did when I saw him and spoke to him after the church service aboard the U.S. cruiser Canberra on Sunday.—Reuters.

Objections are that the proposed pipeline would be too small and it is unreasonable to suppose that Arab states who own oil would allow its transportation through Israeli territory.

The pipeline question was the first immediate aspect of the Middle East situation to be dealt with by President Eisenhower and Mr Macmillan, it was learned.

There was only a short discussion before the two leaders dealt in turn with Aqaba, Gaza and a Suez interim solution.

Spilt Milk

Conference sources said today's first session had gone very well in what was described as an "extremely businesslike atmosphere."

Mr Macmillan first used today's outstanding "spilt milk" phrase. He said in his opening remarks that they were not in Bermuda to talk about "spilt milk of the past or who spilt it."

President Eisenhower picked up the phrase and used it in the same spirit, saying that the purpose now was to see where they were going and to act as partners.

Mr Macmillan and Mr Selwyn Lloyd left the President in no doubt that they regard President Nasser of Egypt as hostile to Britain and

they would be glad to see him go.

One conference source said President Eisenhower and Mr Dulles did not comment but did not dissent from the British view.

It was learned that the President and Prime Minister referred only the single question of the Suez interim arrangements to their experts.

New Element

Colonel Nasser's recent memorandum on canal control was discussed as a new element in the situation. Previously both Governments had studied the memorandum "separately" but this was the first time it had been given joint examination.

It is understood the point was talked over again during lunch but no direct reply was contemplated at the moment.

Mr Haggerty, the White House Press Secretary, later said the conference from now on would use a formula under which the Foreign Ministers would open discussions each day, with the leaders joining them later in the morning or waiting until the afternoon.

Mr Haggerty said the Foreign Ministers tomorrow would open with a review of European problems.

The Issues

The issues facing the West include allied policy towards the Soviet Union, Nato development and commitments, German reunification, the Hungarian Revolt and its effect on other Communist nations in East Europe, and plans for an integrated European market and atomic pool.

In the afternoon there would be a general discussion of defence problems and the security of the United States and Britain.

Correspondents asked if the statesmen had struck stumbling blocks and received the reply from Mr Haggerty:

"It's a little early to talk about stumbling blocks."

Mr Haggerty added there was a feeling by all participants that the "freedom of passage" or a new "freedom of trade" had been discussed.

Mr Haggerty replied "I cannot say. The Middle East will be a matter for continuing discussion."—Reuters.

Not Entirely

Correspondents asked if the statesmen found themselves closer than they had expected on Middle East questions.

Mr Haggerty replied: "I think it's fair to say they are closer on many matters, although not entirely in agreement on every method and procedure."

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The Plane Crash That Wasn't Necessary

Moline, Mar. 21. Three people were killed when two twin-engine planes collided today, sending one of them plummeting into a pasture about seven miles east of here, officials said.

The other plane landed safely. The plane that crashed had been sent aloft to help the other one, flown by Phil Johnson, a pilot for Deere and Co. Johnson had radioed that his landing gear was not functioning and he could not get it down to land.

The three victims went up to examiner Johnson's landing

QUADS BORN: ALL WELL

Montreal, Mar. 21. A 34-year-old woman, Mrs W. S. Munro, today gave birth to quadruplets—three girls and a boy—two months premature. The three girls together weighed a little more than seven pounds. The boy weighed four pounds. The babies were placed in an incubator and all four and the mother were reported doing well.—China Mail Special.

'Mr UN' Meets Nasser

Cairo, Mar. 21. The U.N. Secretary-General, Mr Dag Hammarskjöld, met President Nasser tonight in a first-hand attempt to break the Middle East crisis.

The meeting came amid indications that Nasser might agree in principle to placing a percentage of Suez Canal tolls in a joint bank account with the United Nations for development of the Canal.

The Subjects

Cairo Radio said they discussed the role of Unef in Egypt, and on the resumption of navigation in the Suez Canal.

Mr Hammarskjöld was accompanied by his assistant, Dr Ralph Bunche. The Egyptian Foreign Minister, Mahmoud Fawzi, and Ali Sabri, chief of President Nasser's political cabinet, were also present.

Meanwhile in Beirut, Mrs Golda Meir said Israel wanted Mr Hammarskjöld to extract an answer from Egypt on whether it wanted to continue a status of war with Israel or accept the 1948 armistice.

Mrs Meir arrived in Paris to change planes and consult with the French Foreign Minister Mr Christian Pineau.

She said Israel was still waiting for the U.S. State Department's answer to Israel's suggestions on how to put their common policy on the Middle East into action.

Her Demand

Mrs Meir said that in her talks with Mr Hammarskjöld she demanded to know who "carried responsibility for handing over United Nations authority in Gaza to Egypt."

She said she also demanded that "the basic problem in Egyptian-Israeli relations be cleared up: How can Egypt still claim to be at war against Israel and claim authority over the Gaza strip under an armistice agreement that supposedly put a stop to the war?"

She was therefore anxiously awaiting the results of Mr Hammarskjöld's visit to Egypt, she said.—All agencies.

Tories Again Drop Votes

BUT SLUMP MAY BE EASING

London, Mar. 21. Two Parliamentary by-elections declared tonight showed the slump in the Government's popularity is easing.

But there is still a swing away from the Government on the pattern of recent contests.

A surprising feature of today's elections was that the Government, defending two seats, dropped fewer votes at Newcastle-on-Tyne, a city acutely affected by the current strike of 200,000 shipworkers, than at the residential Conservative stronghold of Beckenham, near London.

Results

Results of today's balloting, declared tonight, were:

NEWCASTLE-NORTH
Mr Robert W. Elliot, Conservative—19,917.
Mr Thomas L. MacDonald, Labour—12,555.
Conservative majority—7,362.
Previous majority—10,931.

BECKENHAM, SEVEN
Mr Philip Goodhart, Conservative—23,421.
Mr N. D. Sandhu, Labour—17,415.
Conservative majority—6,006.
Previous majority—21,231.

State of parties in the 630-seat House of Commons now becomes: Conservatives & Allies 244; Labour, 278; Liberals 5; Independent, 1; Vacant seats, 2.

Conservatives had feared Newcastle North might repeat the recent story of Warwick and Leamington, Sir Anthony Eden's old constituency, where a Labour challenger slashed their majority by five-sixths.

Instead, despite a considerable fall in majority, their share of the total votes polled at Newcastle fell by only 3.1 per cent.

Unwelcome

The unwelcome surprise for the Government was a slump of twice that amount in their share of the total poll in Beckenham, prosperous suburb on London's fringe remote from the ship-building stoppage.

With a 1955 majority of 21,237 votes it was regarded as a principal Conservative stronghold, and the drop to 12,515 votes in the majority was a disappointment to the Government—pointed up by a fall of over six per cent in their share of votes polled.—China Mail Special.

Strike Latest

They Refused To Sit At Same Table

London, Mar. 21. Talks held at the British Ministry of Labour to seek a settlement of the four-day-old shipyard strike were tonight adjourned until tomorrow morning, after Ministry officials failed to get strikers' representatives and employers to sit round the same table.

The delegation said at the close of the night's session that some progress had been made but that "no basis for final agreement had been found."

With the shipyard strike spreading to the engineering workers, dockers, railways and airlines, government officials made tremendous efforts to get the disputing parties on common ground.

Strikers and employers representatives sat in two separate offices of the Ministry of Labour, with Sir Wilfrid Nelson, adviser to the Ministry of Labour, and Mr Ian Macleod, Minister of Labour acting as go-betweens.

Mr Jim Campbell, Secretary of the British Railwaymen's Union, said tonight the "very (Oscd, on back page Col. 2)

PORT SAID REOPENED

Cairo, Mar. 21. Port Said harbour is reopened for all shipping today for the first time since November, it was officially announced tonight.

The Egyptian Ports and Lights administration officially advised shipping companies that all ships, as from today, will be allowed to enter and sail from Port Said harbour from sunrise to 5 p.m.

Port Said's lighthouse was lit tonight for the first time in several months.—Reuters.

Seeks Asylum

Stockholm, Mar. 21. Melchyslaw Endler, 35-year-old economic editor of Poland's largest daily newspaper Express Wlaczorny, said today he had applied for asylum in Sweden as a political refugee.

Mr Endler came to Sweden with his wife three weeks ago.—China Mail Special.

DOCTORS' CHALLENGE

London, Mar. 21. Plans for "a progressive withdrawal" of doctors from Britain's National Health Service beginning on October 2, and an alternative system of treating patients were announced here today.

The proposals were the result of a simmering pay dispute between 40,000 National Health doctors and the Government.

During October, former National Health patients would be treated privately, but no fees would be demanded from them.

But if the Government still declined to agree to a satisfactory settlement or to arbitration, doctors would from November 1 charge token fees.—China Mail Special.

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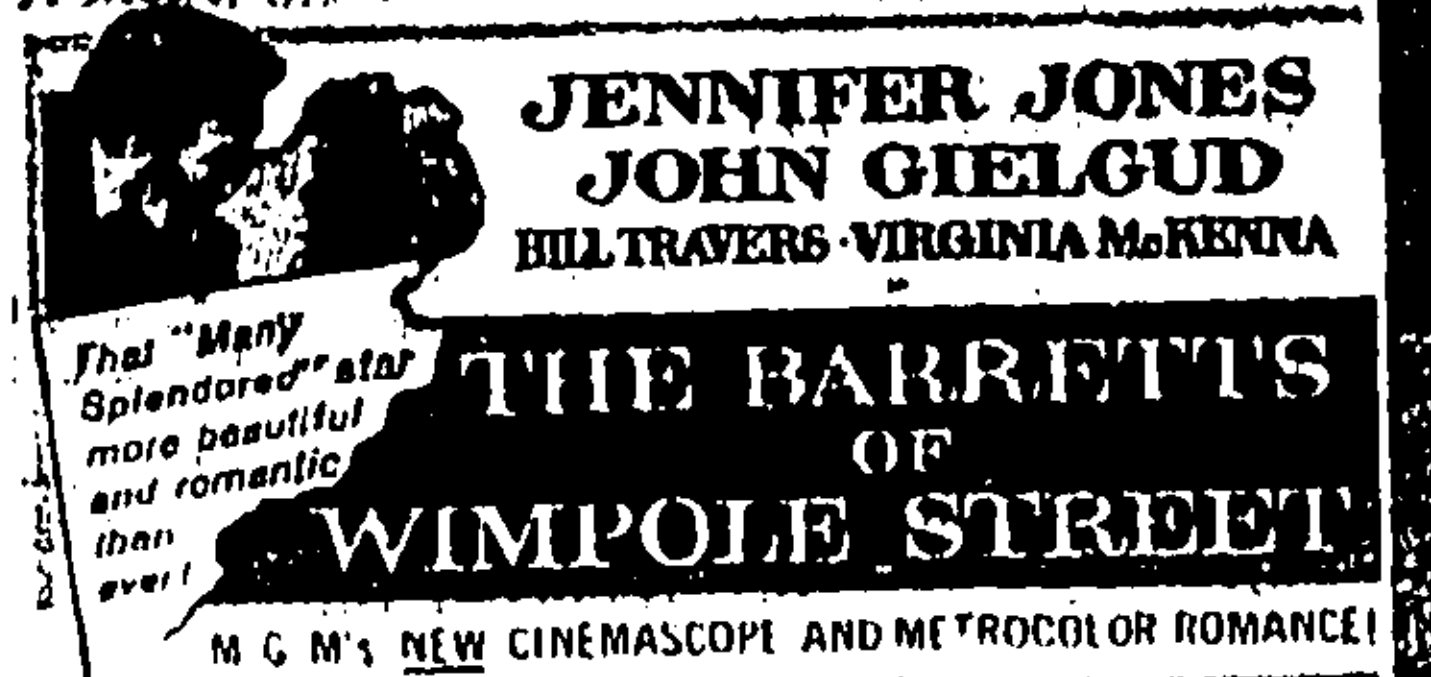
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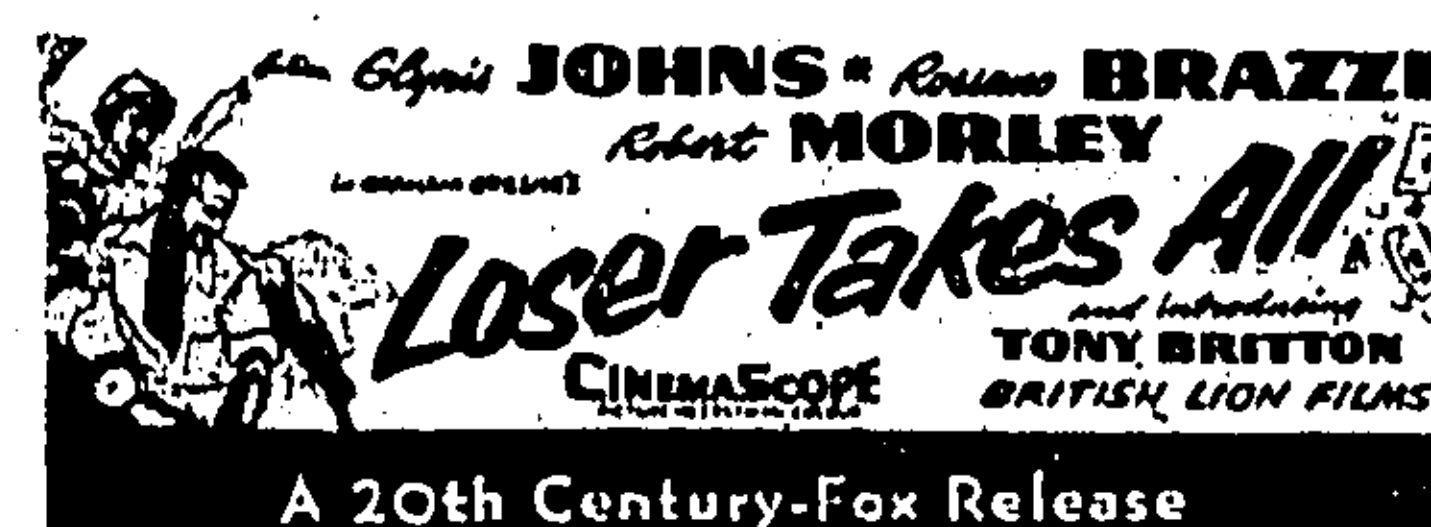
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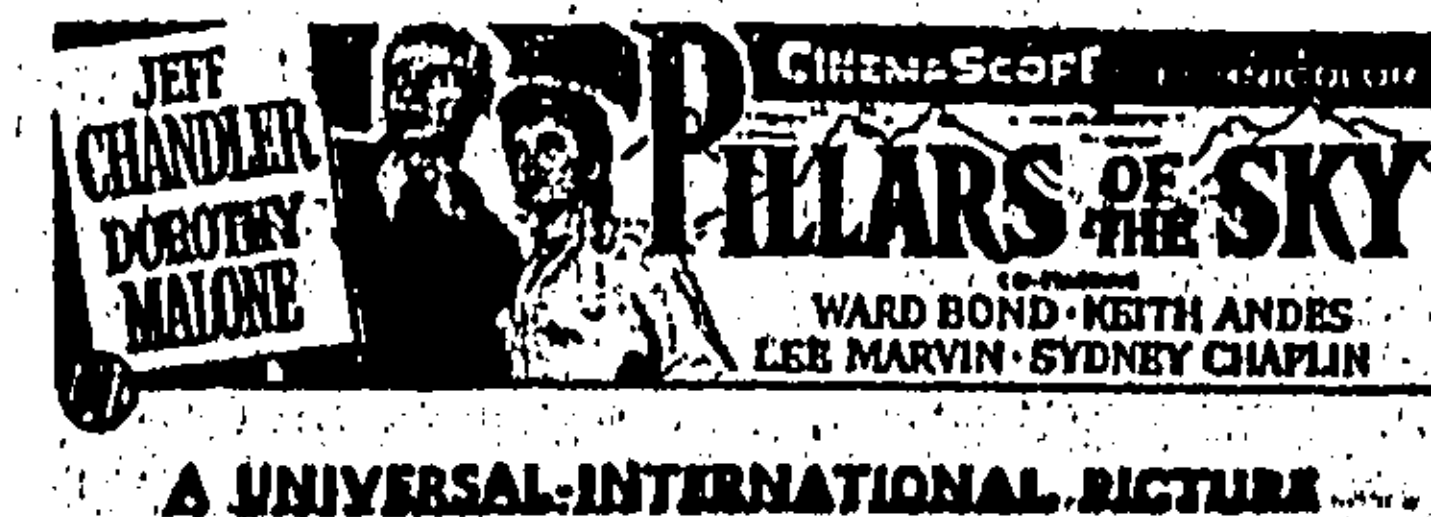
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Germany Needs Compact Fighting Force

BALANCE AGAINST RUSSIA

Bonn, Mar. 21. Herr Franz-Josef Strauss, West German Defence Minister, said here today that the withdrawal of British and French troops from West Germany made the need for a small, high-class West German army even more vital than before.

Herr Strauss, speaking to the annual conference of the German Soldiers Association, said the presence of such an army was needed to help ensure that a potential aggressor against NATO gave up the idea of an attack.

"If Britons leave and French stay away, this necessity is made even more vital," he said.

The German Soldiers Association is a voluntary body representing former and present soldiers. The 400 people present today loudly clapped former Field-Marshal Erich von Manstein, a life member of the Association, as he was introduced as "the highest-ranking officer present."

SERIOUS THOUGHT

Near him sat Lieutenant-General Hans Speldel, who next month takes over command of NATO's land forces, Central Europe.

Herr Strauss said there should be serious thought about proposals for an all-European security system. He warns that if the Western European alliance disintegrated, the individual states would not be able to defend themselves effectively.

He illustrated this by referring to Germany's defeat of the Western Allies in 1940 when he said the Allies had more men and arms than Germany.

"We believe that the military situation, coupled with the withdrawal of American troops, would bring clear superiority for the Russians and that could not be accepted without effective compensation," he said.

The only question which interested West Germany was what assurance would there be that the Russians would not extend power politically or militarily to all Germany and the whole of Europe.

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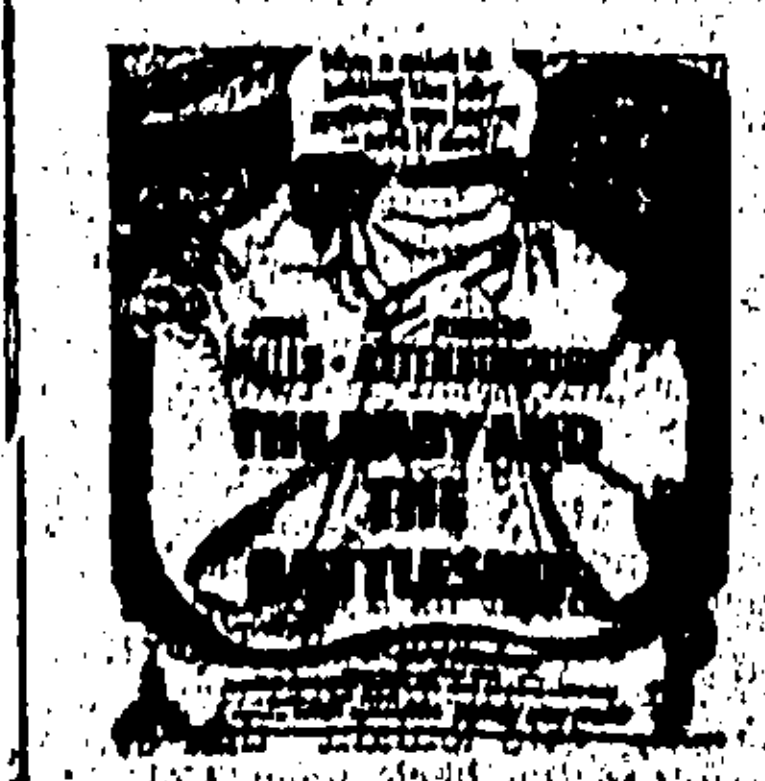
West Germany required no security guarantee from Western countries nor did she believe that countries like Poland and Czechoslovakia would attack her on their own account.

If the Western Alliance were to be ended to form a European security system there must be a counter-weight provided to balance Russia. What form that should take must be discussed by the experts—China Mail Special.

New York, Mar. 21. The "Made in Japan" label on cameras, equipment and accessories has taken on a new meaning for American photography fans, according to the latest issue of Popular Photography magazine. In a special 48-page section on Japan, the publication points out that the label is becoming more and more accepted as a mark of quality and precision.—Reuter.

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Boa Wouldn't Come Home



Anne Larkin, 20, who used to tour in a show with a snake charmer, wears the costume of her act as she tries to charm back Basil, a six-foot boa constrictor who escaped from a London pet shop recently. The effort was unsuccessful. Meanwhile, London owners of small furry animals—the boa's favourite dish—have been keeping their pets at home.—Express Photo.

RED BUILD-UP IN NORTH KOREA NOT DANGEROUS

Seoul, Mar. 21.

US Army Chief of Staff Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor said today the Communist build-up in North Korea does not endanger United Nations forces in the South.

"But we never can allow our guard to come down," said the four-star General, who arrived here today on the second leg of an Asian tour.

Taylor was asked in a plane-side interview whether he thought the build-up in the north endangered United Nations units.

"No," he replied flatly. "United Nations forces are entirely capable to hold down any enemy attack."

The General's statement marked a slight departure from the view he expressed in Tokyo earlier in which he said the Red build-up was a "condition to the disadvantage of our troops."

Modern Weapons

Taylor said in Japan on Tuesday that he was "constantly urging" that UN troops in Korea be equipped with modern weapons to meet the Communist build-up. Introduction of new weapons into Korea during the truce, as the Communists are doing, violates the armistice agreement.

Taylor also was asked about his Tokyo statement that the Communists have "no perceptible intention" of attacking again.

"The Western world must always be vigilant whatever the enemy intentions," he said, "and there is the possibility of new aggressions."

The Army Chief of Staff declined comment on the possibility of bringing atomic weapons into South Korea.

Republic of Korea military leaders have long advocated that the truce be broken so that forces here can be equipped with the most modern arms, including atomic weapons.—United Press.

Tengku Unable To Oblige Lim

London, Mar. 21.

Singapore had suggested that Malaya should send a minister to London during the present Anglo-Singapore constitutional talks, a Singapore delegation spokesman said today.

The spokesman said that the suggestion was made to Tengku Abdul Rahman, the Malayan Federation's Chief Minister, by Mr. Lim Yew Hock, Singapore's Chief Minister, before the Singapore delegation came here earlier this month.

But the Kuala Lumpur Government had been unable to send a minister who it was suggested should be in London while the conference was discussing the composition of a projected island security council.

Secret Society Suspects Rounded Up

Singapore, Mar. 21. DETECTIVES have rounded up more than 200 men suspected of being secret society gangsters, a police spokesman said today.

He said that in the week-long round-up the names of 100 in the group had been placed in police records.

The round-up was part of "Operation Dagger," a police campaign to combat secret society crimes of violence.

Millions of Singapore rubber magnates, Tan Lark Sye, today praised China and lauded the British and local authorities of Singapore for causing "unhappy incidents in the Chinese high schools under the pretext of combating Communist activities."

Tan Lark Sye praised the Peking regime for its progress in the field of education and predicted that "very soon" China would be "the leading nation in the world."

MALICIOUS

At the same time, he accused the local Singapore authorities of "ignorance and malicious intentions to kill Chinese culture."

Tan, Chairman of the Chinese Nanyang University Board, made the statements in addressing students of the Bukit Timah Chinese High School, which was the scene of violent clashes between students and police last October. The school was celebrating its 28th anniversary.

Tan said the allegation of Communist activities in the Bukit Timah Chinese High School was "absolute nonsense."

Incidents in the school in previous years were caused by the British colonial administration and the Singapore Labour Front Government, he said. Members of the audience included British colonial officials.—France-Press.

Moshe Dayan On Leave

Jerusalem, Mar. 21.

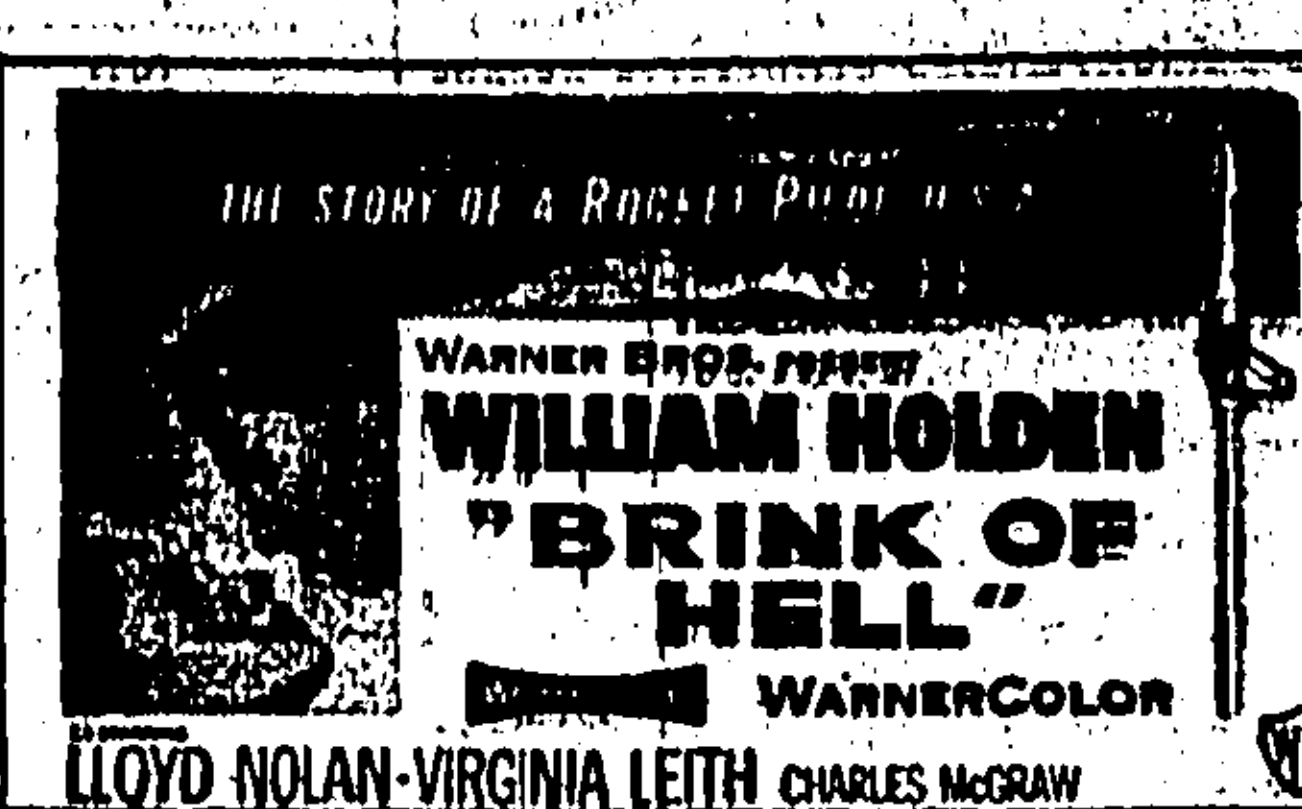
General Moshe Dayan, Israeli Army Chief-of-Staff, started his annual leave today. It was officially announced here.

Brigadier Meir Amit, who drew up the plans for the Sinai campaign, is replacing him. Although the announcement was expected, it was thought that Dayan's departure might have been postponed owing to the tense situation. It is understood that Premier David Ben-Gurion tried to delay the leave.

Political circles said Dayan was taking the leave now for personal reasons.—France-Press.

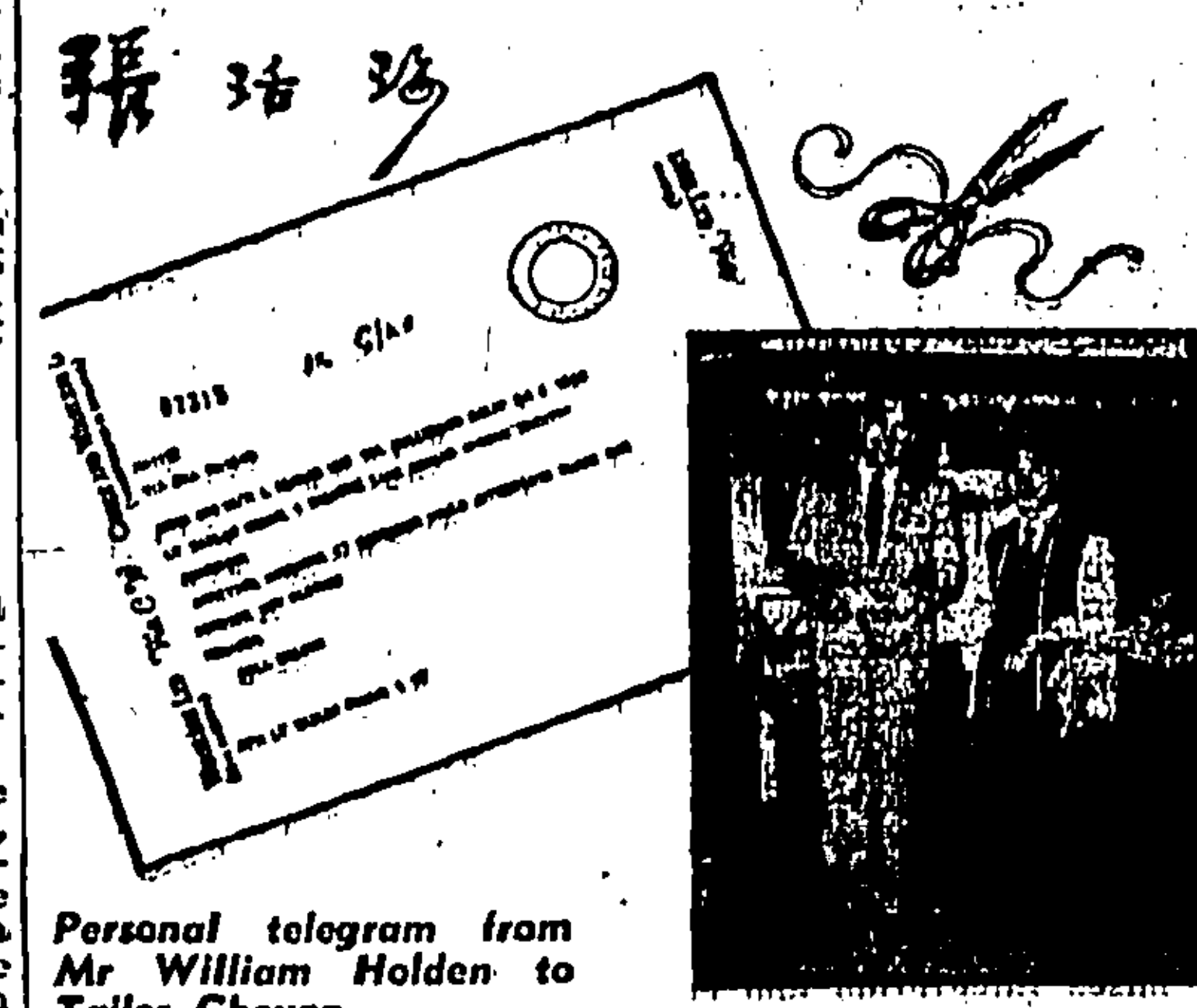
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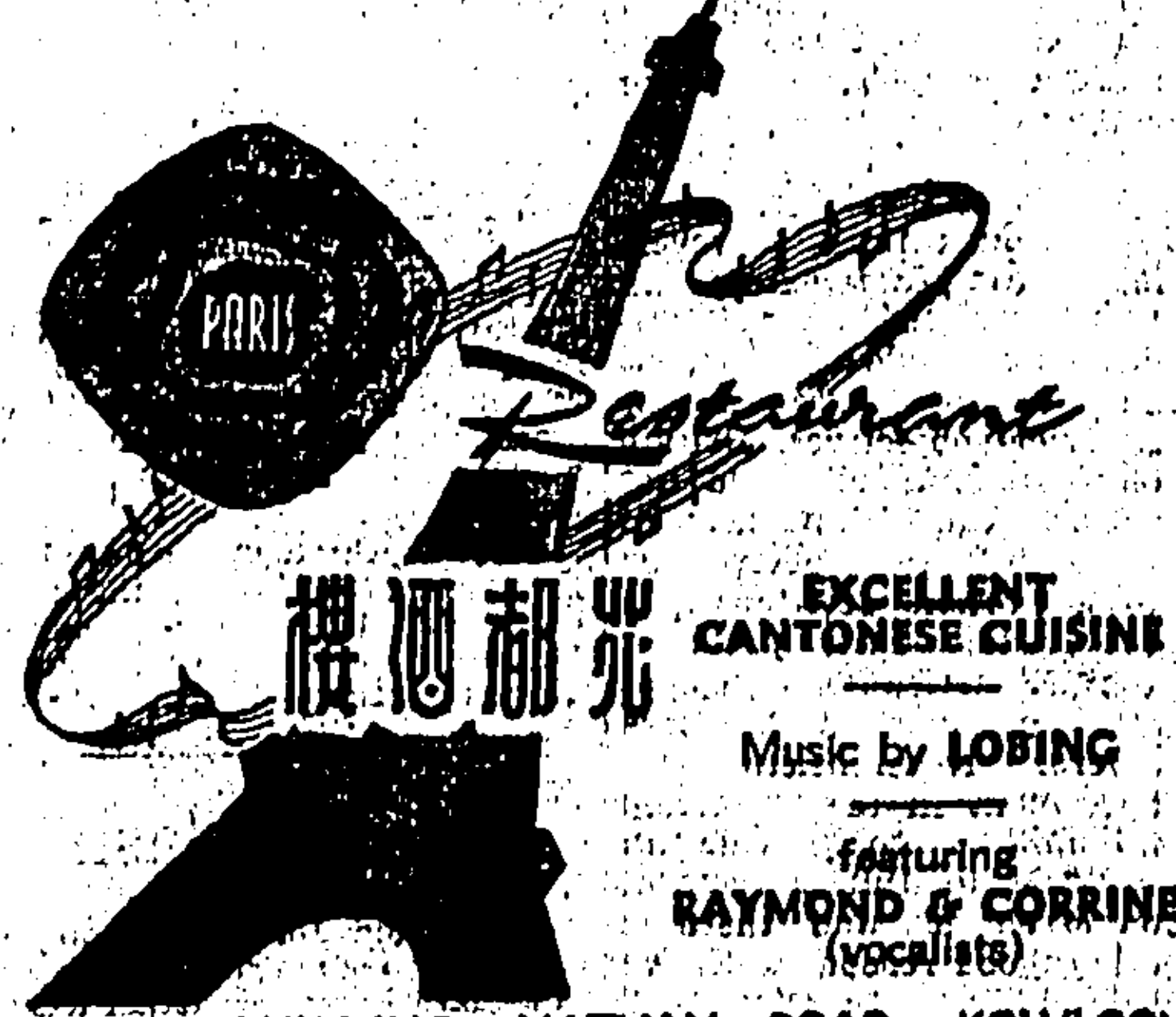
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Germany Pledged To Common Market

Bonn, Mar. 21. Professor Walter Hallstein, State Secretary to the Foreign Office, today pledged West Germany help in co-ordinating the planned six-nation European common market and the British-backed project for a wider European free trade zone.

He said in a government declaration to the Bundestag that West Germany had welcomed Britain's proposal last autumn to supplement the six-nation project with a free trade zone.

"This plan will receive every support and help from our side," he said. "There would be some difficulties to face, especially on agriculture and the association of the overseas territories of member states."

IMPORTANT

"What is important is that such important trade partners, as Great Britain, or for instance, the Scandinavian States, Austria or Switzerland, or also the Southern European States, should be attached in some practical way to our common market."

The common market is to include France, West Germany, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg. By the gradual removal of tariffs and other restrictions it is to become an economic unit within 15 years, with unified tariff barriers against other countries.

The free trade zone proposal allows for member countries, though removing tariff barriers with each other, to maintain differing tariff barriers with countries outside the area.

The common market treaty, along with the six-nation Euratom treaty, is to be signed in Rome on Monday.—Reuter.

Burma, Poland Convinced On Coexistence

Rangoon, Mar. 21. Burma and Poland in a joint statement today expressed their conviction that world peace could be safeguarded by the application of the five principles of peaceful coexistence.

The statement was issued by the Burmese Premier, U Nu, and Polish Premier, Jozef Cyrankiewicz, at the end of the Polish statesman's visit to Burma.

It affirmed that relations between the two countries would continue to be based on the five principles of coexistence and that "the application of these principles will relax international tension and pave the way for enduring peace."

The two Governments deplored the policy of creating military blocs, which, they said, "encourages fear and the armaments race."—France-Press.

UN SAVED WORLD FROM WAR

Suez Settlement Was Close, Says Executive

United Nations, Mar. 21. The top assistant to the Secretary-General, Mr Dag Hammarskjöld, said today: "There is absolutely no doubt about it—the United Nations kept the world from World War III last November."

Mr Andrew Cordier, executive assistant to Mr Hammarskjöld, told some 200 editors from the National Editorial Association that Israel, Britain and France "decided to do it the hard way" after the UN had come "very, very close" to solution of the Suez Canal controversy.

"An attempt was made to settle the Suez crisis outside the UN," said Mr Cordier. "Then it was brought to the UN in a rather half-hearted way."

"The UN came very, very close indeed to a settlement of the issue."

President Eisenhower was justified in declaring in a radio and television broadcast last October that he had "good news" for the world about the Suez situation, Mr Cordier said.

FORCED CRISIS

The President's optimism, he continued, was based on the "success registered in this house on the 38th floor, where Mr Hammarskjöld had engaged in a series of conferences with the Foreign Ministers of Israel, Britain and France."

"But certain countries decided to do it the hard way, to fight about it," he said. "That decision—Israel being joined by Britain and France in invasion of Egypt—forced the crisis upon the UN."

In 13 days, Mr Cordier said, the first troops of the UN emergency force were in Egypt. It was impossible, he added, to re-occupy the blocked Suez Canal and the UN organised a salvage fleet to do the job.

Now, Mr Cordier said, Mr Hammarskjöld was devoting a major part of his mission to the question of the Suez Canal. Mr Cordier is the top-ranking UN official during the Secretary-General's absence.—United Press.

NIXON HOME

Washington, Mar. 21. United States Vice-President Richard Nixon, arrived here by air from Zurich today, after a 20,000 mile trip through Europe and North and Central Africa. Nixon was away for three weeks.—France-Press.

BRITISH PILCHARD PROTEST

London, Mar. 21. The British Government today was questioned about the import of Japanese canned pilchards.

A Conservative member of Parliament, Mr Geoffrey Wilson, asked the Government in the House of Commons what representations he had from the Cornish Sea Fisheries Committee about the effect on the Cornish pilchard industry of the licence granted for the import of £30,000 worth of Japanese canned pilchards.

Mr Joseph Godber, Joint Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Agriculture, replied:

SERIOUS EFFECT

"The Committee have represented that the import of Japanese canned pilchards could have most serious effects on the Cornish pilchard industry."

"In reply, the Committee have been informed that the quota of £30,000 for the year ending September 30, 1957 is very small in relation to the current level of supplies from all sources, that careful consideration was given to the possible effect on the home industry and that the granting of a quota was a part of the recent trade arrangements with Japan.—Reuter.

Segni Wins Vote Of Confidence

Rome, Mar. 21. Premier Antonio Segni won his third confidence vote in as many weeks tonight.

The Chamber of Deputies voted 287 to 207 with 49 abstentions to approve Signor Segni's recent appointment of a Christian Democrat, Signor Giuseppe Togni, to the key post of Minister of State Participation.

Only the Communists and Left Wing Socialists, plus four other Deputies, voted against Signor Segni, who posed the confidence vote in the course of a debate that preceded the roll call.

The Senate, Parliament's higher Chamber, last week approved Premier Segni's nomination over bitter left-wing opposition. Signor Togni is an advocate of free enterprise and his appointment was greatly resented by Signor Giuseppe Saragat's Social Democrats. These, however, were unwilling to create a government crisis at this juncture and voted for Premier Segni, in whose Government they participate.—United Press.

ULANOVA RETURNS

Moscow, Mar. 21. Galina Ulanova, prima ballerina of the Bolshoi Theatre, last night returned to the ballet stage in a gala performance of Romeo and Juliet after a four months' absence.

Ulanova abandoned a performance of Giselle last November and it was stated later that she suffered a slight leg injury.

Last night's performance, the hundredth of Romeo and Juliet by the Bolshoi, was attended by Soviet leaders, including the Prime Minister, Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, and the Communist Party Chief, Mr Nikita Khrushchev, as well as the Hungarian Premier, Mr Janos Kadar, who is visiting Moscow.—China Mail Special.

JEEP MINE DETECTOR



A view of the jeep-mounted mine detector developed by the US Army Engineer Research and Development Laboratories in Fort Belvoir, Virginia. The device stops the jeep automatically when it reaches a buried mine.—Express Photo.

36 Bodies Found In Gaza Trenches

Investigation Demanded

Gaza, Mar. 21. The decomposed bodies of 36 Gaza civilians were unearthed today in abandoned trenches on a desert hillock near the Israeli-Egyptian armistice line.

The Egyptian authorities immediately charged that they had been killed by Israeli forces during the occupation of the area.

Two official observers of the UN Truce Supervision Headquarters were sent with an Egyptian Government representative to witness removal of the bodies and to begin an investigation.

The Egyptian representative asked the UN organisation to conduct the investigation and determine the responsible party. Arabs crowded around the death pit, wailed and shrieked as they identified relatives from items of rotting clothing.

Grotesque Attitude

The corpses lay sprawled in the grotesque attitude of death, a sickly-sweet smell arising in the hot sun.

The Mayor of Gaza, Meuhir Rayess, said: "Thirty-six men were killed by the Israelis after being picked up from their homes in Gaza. The Israelis rounded up Gaza civilians on November 10 and carried them out of the city for mass slaughter."

The discovery of the death pit was made accidentally last week by Arab farmers. Mayor Rayess said, after rain had swept away the sand which had been shovelled into the trenches.

Farmers walking near the border spotted two corpses lying uncovered.

The Mayor said he had informed both UNEF headquarters and the Egyptian authorities and demanded an investigation.

Fate Unknown

He claimed that 700 Gaza civilians had been missing since the Israeli occupation and "their fate is still unknown."

He said those found in the pit were arrested during a "general search by Israeli authorities in the Gaza strip."

The Egyptian Government representative, Major Maher Osman, said after witnessing the disinterment:

"It is quite clear they were killed by the Israelis."

Vehement Protest

He said he had demanded an immediate UN investigation and would register a "vehement protest."

A medical officer from Gaza who examined the corpses said they had bullet wounds in their heads and bodies. He estimated that they had been dead between three and four months.—United Press.

Man Goes Berserk In London



A man goes berserk in a flat early last week in London's Notting Hill district, stabbed a policeman and a police dog, and held 50 police, troops and firemen at bay for more than seven hours of siege before he was captured. The man, a Nigerian, was finally subdued by London County Council Welfare Officer Frederick Sullivan, 44. He went into the flat, disarming the man, and after a violent struggle he was shot.—Express Photo.

Mrs F.D.R. Cold On Return Of Assets

Washington, Mar. 21. A PRIVATE committee working for the full return of seized Japanese and German assets disclosed today it had failed to win over Mrs Eleanor Roosevelt to its cause. The "Committee for Return of Confiscated German and Japanese Property" made public a letter from Mrs Roosevelt in which she said: "The principal beneficiaries of this transfer would be the large German corporations and companies, such as IG Chemie (Interhandel) in Switzerland, which have been held by the courts of the United States to have been under German control during the last war."

The Committee announced on March 3 that Mrs Roosevelt agreed to join the group, then changed her mind.

In a second letter dated Monday and signed by her secretary, Miss Maureen Corr, Mrs Roosevelt said a US State Department proposal for a partial return of seized assets "should be supported."

Under this, individuals would get back up to \$10,000 a person of seized assets.

Mrs Roosevelt said she "would not rule out higher individual returns on their merits."

In refusing to go along with the Committee's efforts to restore all seized assets in this country to former Japanese and German owners, Mrs Roosevelt said:

"It seems to me that the only real result that the Committee seeks to bring about is to transfer a burden from the West German Treasury to the Treasury and the taxpayers of the United States."

She said the \$10,000 proposal would take care of 90 per cent of the claimants, adding: "I think failure to support such legislation shows the hand of the large German corporations."—Reuter.

US LENDS \$42 MILLION TO BURMA

Washington, Mar. 21. The United States today concluded two 40-year loan agreements with Burma totalling \$42,300,000 dollars (£15,100,000) for economic development.

A few hours earlier representatives of the two Governments had signed a new economic co-operation agreement providing for loan aid for economic development to replace the old 1950 agreement which provided for grant aid.

The announcement said: "The loan proceeds will be used to finance economic development projects aimed at increasing Burma's national production and improving the standards of living of her people."

It added that the agreement "does not affect in any way the independent foreign policy of the Government of Burma or the Government of the United States suggest at any time the inclusion of any provision which would have had the effect of compromising that policy."—Reuter.

FRANCE URGED TO BE FIRM IN ALGERIA

Paris, Mar. 21. Jacques Soustelle, former French Governor-General in Algeria, said today that the Pan-Arab attempt to impose on us the independence of Algeria and direct intervention of the United Nations, has failed.

Soustelle, who was a member of the French delegation during the UN debate on Algeria, said: "France preserves a free hand in Algeria."

The Social Republican Deputy was speaking during a debate in the National Assembly on the "general policy" of the Government of Premier Guy Mollet.

Praised Laos

Soustelle hailed the support France received in the United Nations from its traditional friends, including Latin American countries. He praised the attitude of Laos which, in this affair, conducted itself with the greatest loyalty toward France.

Independent Deputy, Edouard Frederic-Dupont, demanded that the Government be "very firm" with regard to Tunisia and Morocco. He said the aid given by these two countries to the Algerian rebels was a "permanent insult" to France.

Other deputies asked for clarification of the Government's proposal for a ceasefire in Algeria, with free elections to be held three months after the return of calm.

Meanwhile, military authorities announced in Algiers that French infantrymen, spearheaded by paratroopers and tough Foreign Legionnaires, killed 20 rebels in a series of small-scale actions throughout Algeria.

Five rebels were captured and one was wounded.

Arms, ammunition and other supplies were seized from the insurgents during mop-up operations.

No French Losses

Yesterday's actions were concentrated in the mountains near Algiers in the centre of this vast North African territory and in the western section near Oran.

There were no losses reported on the French side, but the authorities said a European and a Moslem were seriously wounded by individual rebel assassinations in Puteugue, 70 kilometres southeast of Oran.

Near Bone in the northeast, French troops raided a cave in which rebels had stored nearly two tons of supplies.

The report said the bodies of 19 dead insurgents were found in the cave, where they had apparently been carried after a recent engagement with French soldiers.

Security forces today arrested the rebel leader for the Orleansville region, Desi Larbi, following operations undertaken after the murder of a Frenchwoman, Madame Gilly Yaqueone. The chief was found hiding in a cave along with two Moslems and several terrorists.

Network Broken

Security forces also seized weapons, ammunition and documents.

Reports from Oran stated that the Nationalist Liberation Front terrorist network at Mostaganem had been practically broken up and terrorists believed responsible for a number of murders in recent months have been imprisoned. Altogether, 19 terrorists were arrested in this operation.—France-Press & United Press.

Shoe King Nobel Candidate

The Hague, Mar. 21. The name of Jan A. Bata, the former Czechoslovak shoe king, has been put forward as a candidate for the Nobel Peace Prize, to be awarded next December 10, it was learned here today.

Bata, who is 69, now lives in Brno.

His candidature was proposed because of his work on behalf of refugees from Eastern European countries. He is estimated to have aided 100,000 people.

Others so far recommended for the Nobel Peace Prize are Mrs Eleanor Roosevelt, widow of the late American President Franklin D. Roosevelt, United Nations Secretary-General, Dag Hammarskjöld, and Brazilian ologonomist, Marshal Candido Mariano Da Silva Rondon, who organised the protection of the native Indians in Brazil.—France-Press.

29 DEATH SENTENCES COMMUTED

Canberra, Mar. 21. The Australian Executive Council (Cabinet) today commuted death sentences to sentences of imprisonment on 29 New Guinea natives for killing 29 of their traditional enemies from a rival tribe. Mr Paul Hasluck, the Minister of Territories, said the men would serve sentences ranging from three and a half to four years during which they would undergo periods of positive education.

The natives lived in remote parts of the Sepik district of New Guinea and their limited contact with the territory administration had been taken into account in determining their sentences, he said.—China Mail Special.

Kadar In Moscow

HUNGARY ASKS FOR AID

Moscow, Mar. 21. Soviet-Hungarian talks opened here today with a statement by Mr Janos Kadar, the Hungarian Prime Minister, stressing the country's economic needs, a Soviet official said tonight.

At a reception given by Mr Kadar in honour of the Soviet Government leaders, the spokesmen told correspondents that the Hungarian Government's legation now in Moscow was seeking economic aid, not only from the Soviet Union, but from all Socialist countries.

BALANCE SHATTERED

Hungary's economic balance was shattered by the counter revolution last October but she expected soon to recover her economic equilibrium, the official added.

Military questions involving Soviet troops in Hungary were also discussed today. A Soviet source close to the negotiations said:

"Today's talks were merely preliminary discussions, topics of which would now be further studied by commissions of experts, it was stated.—Reuter.

Death Penalty Restriction Bill Is Law

London Mar. 21. A bill to restrict the death penalty in Britain to types of murder likely to endanger public order became law today.

The penalty for other murders, including poisoners, will be life imprisonment.

The bill, which has been passed through both Houses of Parliament without amendment, became law with the granting of the Royal assent in the House of Lords tonight by a Royal Commission acting on behalf of the Queen.

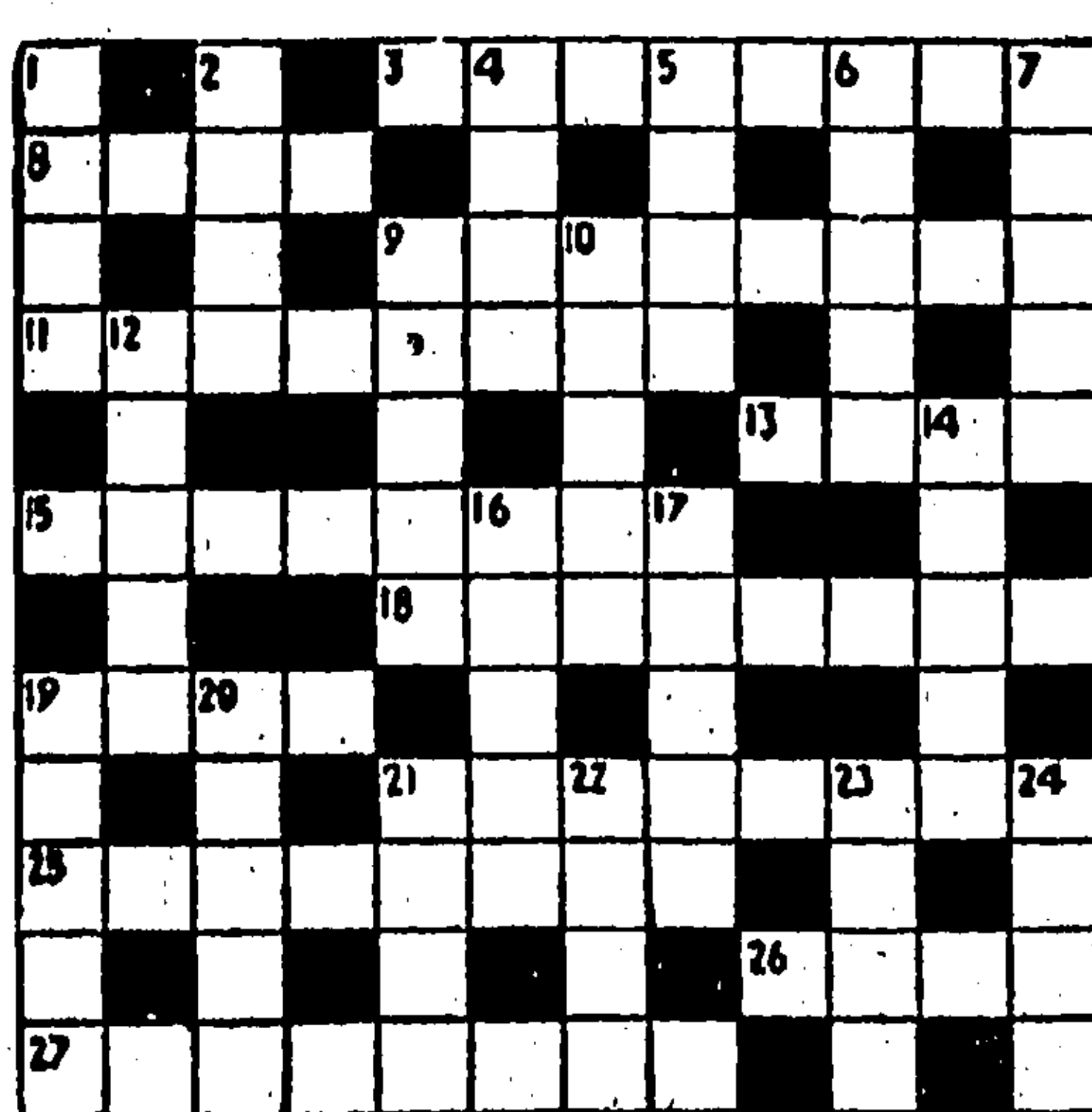
The bill confines the death penalty to certain types of murder, to be known as capital murders.

These include murder committed in the course of theft, resisting, avoiding or escaping from arrest, or by shooting or causing explosions. Those who kill a second time or murder a policeman or prison officer will also be liable to the death penalty.—China Mail Special.

Decca, Mar. 21. Maulana Abdul Hamid Khan Bhashani, 70-year-old President of the East Pakistan Awami League—the party of Mr H.S. Suhrawardy, the Prime Minister—has resigned, it was announced here today.

No reason was given, but Maulana Bhashani has recently been urging a policy of non-alignment. In contrast to Mr Suhrawardy's championing of Pakistan membership of the Bagdad and Arab Leagues.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS
3 Travel document (8).
8 Uncommon (4).
9 Was indignant about (8).
11 Go-between (6).
13 Equips (4).
16 Makes up (8).
18 Business chief (8).
19 Being a slave, is one of the lesser fry, of course (4).
21 Quietened (8).
22 Part of a car (8).
23 Clever (4).
27 Tortures (8).

DOWN
1 Stuff (4).
2 Parched (4).
4 Encourage (4).
5 Prophet (6).
6 External (8).
7 They ebb and flow (5).
9 Mad (8).
10 Sedate (8).
12 Run off (8).
14 Animal (8).
15 Boundary (8).
17 Drive (6).
19 Walk pompously (5).
20 Equestrian (8).
21 Wise (4).
22 Plunder (4).
23 The ship's company shouted triumphantly (4).
24 Exhausted (4).

THURSDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Stuffs, 4 Gifts, 7 Aperture, 8 Anger, 9 Talent, 11 Emerald, 13 Epicure, 15 Losted, 18 Steps, 19 Animates, 20 Ridge, 21 Greedy. Down: 1 Start, 2 Force, 3 Sucker, 4 Grease, 5 Fragrant, 6 Search, 10 Lettered, 12 Mollus, 13 Elder, 14 Unbear, 16 Slave, 17 Lust.



HEAVYWEIGHT DRIVER OF SOUTHERN RHODESIA

ROY WELENSKY — even at 50 and a little heavier than he would like to be — would make an ideal tough guy for a Hollywood film.

He would look utterly at home with automatics bulging from his pockets, a cigar sticking out of his mouth, dealing cards in a saloon.

Looks, however, are in this case liars. In the first place, he neither drinks nor smokes. In the second place, although brute force is a very part of the man, he is probably the most patient and skilful negotiator in Africa.

He can get angry — very angry. Once, many years ago, when he found himself in the midst of a hostile mob on a railway station platform he quietened it instantly by knocking its burly ring-leader cold with a single punch.

But it takes much to make him angry and even then his anger is the cold, quiet, perfectly controlled kind.

From 1926 until 1928 he was heavyweight boxing champion of the Rhodesias, and he still says rather pointedly that boxing is good for politicians. "It gives you a tremendous self-confidence."

This is not so ominous as it sounds. Welensky's concern with self-confidence stems from the very real rough and tumble of Rhodesian politics.

But the rough and tumble is mainly ideological. No politician in the Rhodesias can expect to achieve anything unless he annoys almost everybody at least some of the time, and the "ready for anything" feeling which Welensky has cultivated is an extremely valuable asset.

Welensky is in an ideal position to take on almost everybody in the country.

He was born in Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, on January 20, 1907. His father was a Pole who had come to South Africa and then trekked north to Rhodesia.

The family was not poverty stricken but, on the other hand, the Welenskys were not among the empire builders, the colonial administrators, or the leaders of the business community.

Rhodesia was their home and they had only the loosest ties with the country from which they had come. Unlike the territory's upper crust, they did not

go home for long leaves or plan to retire somewhere else.

Engine Driver

No one could claim that they were visiting exploiters.

Roy became an engine driver in 1924 — and he still lists his occupation as "engine driver".

His rise to power came through the Railways Workers' Union and his transition from union organization to political activity was achieved through the founding, in 1941, of the Northern Rhodesia Labour Party. Welensky's party was devoted to a hard brand of political realism.

In a country with — as the conglomerated provinces of Northern and North-western Rhodesia had — a population of two million Africans and 37,000 Europeans, and with an economy largely controlled by outside interests, conflicts were inevitable.

Welensky foresaw, even then, the eventual federation of the Rhodesias and he foresaw that would require a tricky political compromise.

It was in this situation that Welensky came into his own.

African leaders distrusted the "transient" Europeans whom they regarded as exploiters. The Europeans, even those of them who realised that the Africans must eventually come into their own, feared that they would be swallowed in the transformation.

The fact that, inevitably, the Europeans were at the top of the economic and social heap and the Africans at the bottom, sharpened the conflict.

Welensky, however, was not at the top of the heap. He was still an engine driver. He still lived in a railroad bungalow (identical with the railroad bungalows occupied by other engine drivers).

He could not, by any stretch of the imagination, be regarded as an "exploiter".

He did, indeed, have his own troubles among his friends and fellow-workers. The skilled European worker on the railroads and in the mines strongly resented — and continue to resist — the advancement of Africans into the ranks of the skilled workers.

At the same time, Welensky could control them to a degree and he was their personal hero. That counted for a lot.

Since he represented neither of the principal contenders for

power, he was in a position to come to terms with both so long as he could keep his followers in line.

The post-war constitution of Northern Rhodesia provided for a bare majority of unofficial members. So long as the African members voted with the Europeans, they could rule.

Only African affairs were still officially under the control of the colonial administrators.

Tightrope Walker

Welensky personally negotiated the constitution with Arthur Creech Jones, the Socialist Secretary of State for the Colonies.

It involved walking a continual tightrope. But it was, in a sense, just what he wanted. It forced his European colleagues to come to terms with the African representatives but, at the same time, it preserved the element of European preponderance which they demanded.

The compromise was entirely typical of the man. But even then he was only feeling his way.

He continued to hold Sunday evening conferences on the porch

Geneva.
DO you want to buy some 82mm. or 120mm. mortars? Do you want to sell ammunition to King Saud or the Imam of Yemen?

Would you like to get in on a deal for supplying weapon carriers to the new West German Army? Or perhaps just a few spare parts?

Or perhaps you would be interested in sending a shipload or two of steel scrap to Red China, without, of course, anyone at the Board of Trade being able to stop you?

If so, gentlemen, I am your man. Not for nothing have I been sitting (and standing) around the bar of my hotel here in Geneva for the last week.

I can now put you on to agents and financiers ready and delighted to satisfy any whims you may have in these directions.

For they are all here. The same freedom and secrecy which have made Swiss banks the refuge for



thousands of millions of pounds of escape money from all parts of Europe and the Middle East have made Switzerland the world's No. 1 centre for trade deals frowned on in other parts of the world.

UPSTARTS

EVEN the Tangier operators are moving to Switzerland now that Tangier

of his bungalow in which political problems were thrashed out just as union problems used to be — in short words with no holds barred.

Gradually, he got his politics down to clear principles. In the circumstances, he decided that a permanent political solution was only to be had on the old terms of Cecil Rhodes: "Equal rights for every civilised man."

The terms for an equal share in political affairs were to be laid down hard and fast and Africans were to be given a greater and greater share in political affairs as they fulfilled the conditions of "civilisation."

In this way, he hoped, African aspirations could be satisfied without panicking the Europeans.

With the eventual federation of the Rhodesias, he took his principles with him to Salisbury and became Deputy Premier under Lord Malvern. Now he has become Premier.

In the process, his political support had shifted enormously. The first step in African advancement, obviously, was the promotion of Africans to skilled jobs in industry and the gradual raising of African standards of living.

Welensky's old supporters have been resisting this bitterly, though the force of his personality has been such that much of their opposition has had to be indirect.

The European workers claim that for Africans to do their jobs for less money will result in the destruction of everyone's standard of living. The Africans counter-claim that for the European trade unions to insist — as they have been — that Africans can be allowed to do skilled work only if they are paid the prevailing European wage is to frustrate their advancement indefinitely since employers will never promote Africans if

has been incorporated with Morocco and has lost its international status (though many were not too happy to see the Tangier lads in Geneva — this town is inclined to look down on them as the upstart barrow boys of the trade).

Everything and everyone here is strictly respectable and within the law — from arms dealers and Iron Curtain traders to agents who anywhere else would be called blockade runners.

MONEY

THEY have their offices, usually, marked "Import Export." They also have their secret bank accounts so that, when they wish, their own transactions, those of their clients and their agents can be absolutely secret even from the most inquisitive authorities.

What is more the Swiss and the foreigners operating here have plenty of money with which to finance their deals.

For that vast amount of money that has come into free and neutral Switzer-

Europeans can be had for the same wage.

They also argue that Europeans are paid inflated wages because they must be attracted from distant places and that these wages are in no way realistic.

So the fight goes on.

But Welensky's genius can be seen in the form the fight has taken. So deeply has he imprinted his principles that almost nobody argues that Africans must not also because they are inherently inferior and almost nobody pushes the issues on a strictly colour basis.

On the present ground there is hope for a solution. And while Welensky's support from the European unions may have declined, his support from the rest of the community has broadened.

String Breaker

Meanwhile, however, Welensky has become convinced that the strings which bind the federation to Britain and limit the government's freedom of action must be broken.

The present constitution, he believes, encourages irresponsible African leaders to believe that it can eventually be set aside by Britain and a purely African state set up, and encourages irresponsible European leaders to believe that they can eventually set up a South African type regime.

Once a final constitution is agreed upon, Welensky believes, both sets of extremists will calm down.

Feeling in Britain, however, is that the situation is still too delicate to leave.

The battle continues — with Welensky as confident as ever.

PART TWO OF A SPECIAL INVESTIGATION Intelligence Report

The Fixers

HERE IN GENEVA I'VE BEEN SEEING HOW THE BIG ARMS DEALERS 'PULL STRINGS' — WITH NOTHING TOO TOUGH TO HANDLE!

by SEFTON DELMER

account of the strictly legitimate — and highly respected — M. Roger Simonin.

LEGAL

ONLY one thing really bothers me. That is that the Russians are now under-bidding them to an extent where competition becomes uncommercial.

So, you see, should you be wanting any mortars or ammunition I can easily put you in touch with the place where you can get some.

What is more, we can trust M. Simonin to find a strictly legal and above-board way to supply them to whomsoever you wish.

I hear that a British firm has just made a deal with M. Leclerc, of the Geneva private bankers de L'Harpe.

FOR NASSER

LET me introduce you to M. Roger Simonin, head of the Rexist Company of Geneva. Mr. Simonin holds up his hands in horror at the idea of Swiss arms going to Egypt in defiance of his Government's order. That, however, does not stop his company carrying out a contract worth several million pounds for the export of mortars, machine guns, and munitions to Nasser.

And M. Simonin carries it out quite legally from the point of view of both the Swiss authorities and his own conscience.

For these mortars and machine guns are not Swiss made. M. Simonin and his company have a contract for their manufacture with Franco's State-owned Spanish arsenal in Oviedo, the "Fabrica de Armas."

All that M. Simonin and his friends do is to provide the cordite for the shells — the Spanish cordite is of inferior quality. They also provide some of the engineering know-how, plus the financing for the deal.

They also send out some of their own Swiss men to instruct the Egyptians in the use of the mortars; and, of course, the negotiation of the contracts with Nasser — the take-off for the dictator's entourage — and the collection for payment of the material delivered, that is all the affair of the Swiss.

I can assure you that quite a large amount of the booty captured by the Israelis consisted of weapons supplied to the Egyptians from Spain for the

Others would have to be reconitioned for use. When the arms have been salvaged the Swiss and the British will have to decide between them what is best to be done with them — use them for scrap or sell them on one of the many markets open to the Swiss.

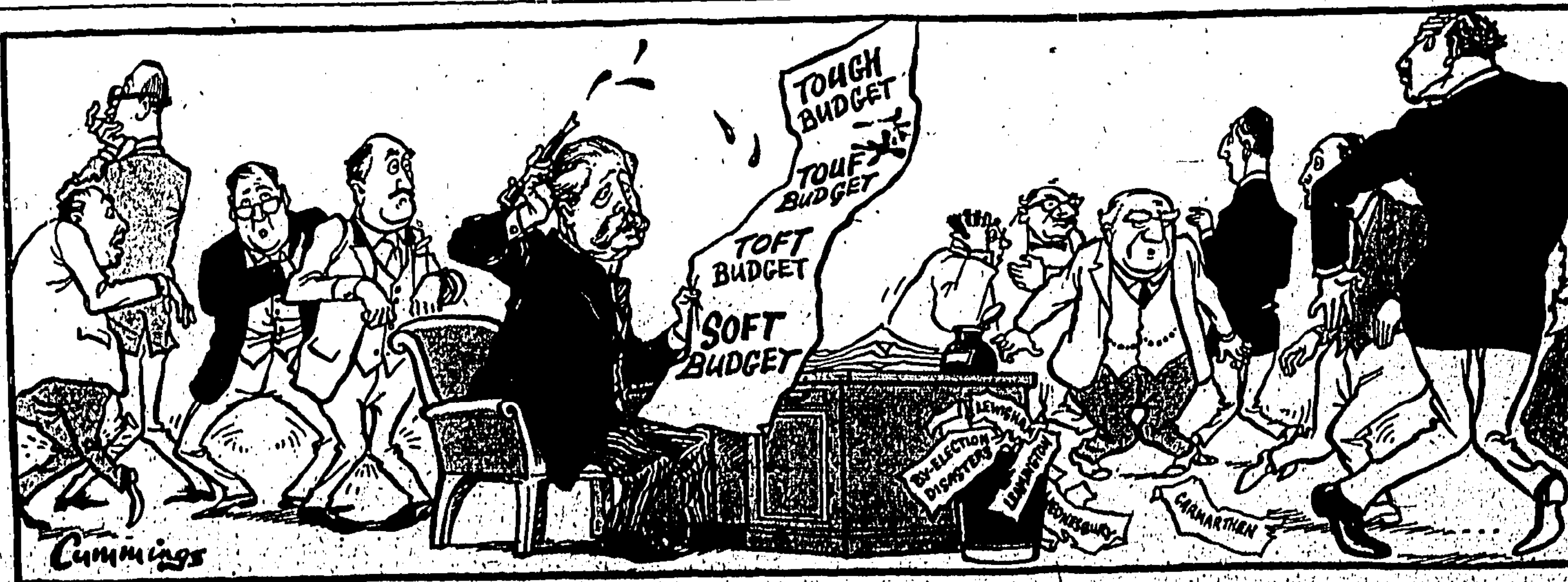
AGENTS....

WHO would be wanting them? Well, there are plenty of potential customers right here in Geneva now. Egyptian agents buying for King Saud, Sudanese officers, Libyans and even, I am told, the Algerians. But if you do not like the Middle East there is always Central and South America.

President Trujillo of the Dominican Republic, a man at the bar told me just now, wants some scout cars for his army.

There are scout cars available in Britain of the type he wants. But the deal, you can count on it, will be made in Geneva.

Yes, it is amazing what a lot of arms there are on offer once you start talking with these powerful citizens in the hotel bars of little neutral, freedom-loving Switzerland.



"Heavens! The uproar of Tory knees knocking together is distracting my work!"

Keep your sugar dry!

EVEN IN THE DAMPEST WEATHER

Fine granulated sugar is now available in new 5 lb. plastic bags

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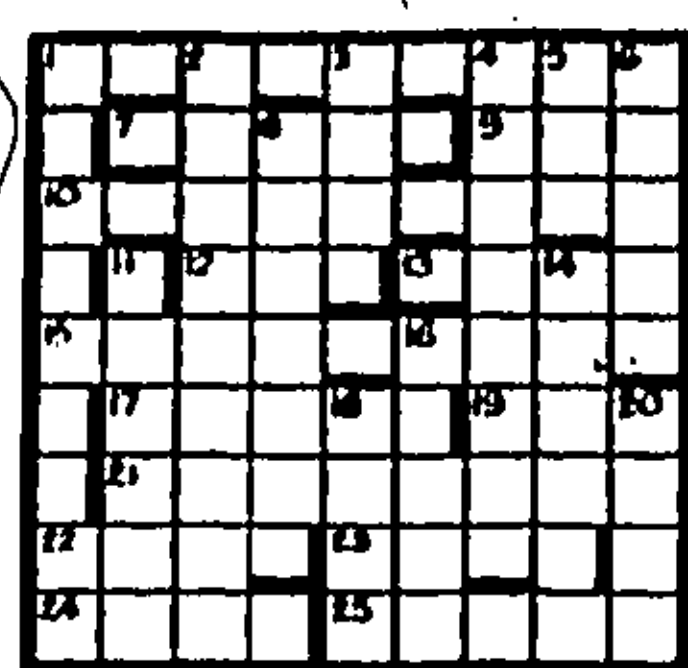
• BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

A WRITER, in an article on manners, says that the good-mannered man will not allow his attention to wander when being addressed by a bore.

When both men are bored the contest becomes most amusing.

CROSSWORD



Across
1. Replace it mixed up—it's a dot (8)
7. This bird could make up to a river of France. (6)
9. Take action on the barometer. (5)
10. Just the man for dem bones. (4)
11. Hardest than a diamond. (6)
12. He sides high. (4)
13. Is this a group of directors which opposes the president? (4-5)
14. Answering fruit. (6)
15. It's a companion of wine. (8)
16. Don't do this on a runway. (8)
17. Answering fruit. (6)
18. It's a companion of wine. (8)
19. Don't do this on a runway. (8)
20. It's a sign. (4)
21. This feast is quite a party. (6)
22. Rhode Island inhabitants? (4)
23. No. 49 is the next. (6)

Down
1. A man should feel secure behind his own back. (8)
2. Tree diver. (8)
3. This stands up before. (6)
4. She is stopped for sudden apples. (8)
5. Ride tails opposite. (8)
6. Vastness makes a nap do. (6)
7. Marlene has them hidden. (8)
8. Where she danced in a film. (8)
9. Played from school by Tom Sawyer. (8)
10. The start of the battle. (8)
11. Eyes you might see. (8)
12. White wall for a style. (8)

YOUR BIRTHDAY ... by STELLA

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

BORN today, you have an artistic nature and like to work out interference. You place your home in a career in one category of living—and in quite another. In the latter, you are a gay, sociable and friendly personality. You women, especially, have definite charm which brings you a host of admirers. So when it comes time to select your marriage partner, you may have considerable difficulty in choosing one among many. Don't delay too long, or you may miss out entirely.

Sculpture, painting, literature—especially poetry—as well as the natural sciences hold a special appeal for you, and you should be able to make a success in whatever field you choose as your life work. But don't spend too much time dilly-dallying or you may never find yourself outstanding in any one.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Duty calls today, so make sure that you finish the job at hand before you attempt anything new. Stick to routine.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Unexpected events, perhaps connected with your romance, will bring excitement and novelty into your life.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Personal affairs take the spotlight today, with special emphasis upon marriage, love, business and marital.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—Your personal relationship with those around you can be significant. Be firm but polite; get what you want.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—You will enjoy a change this weekend. If you can get out of town for a visit, do so by all means. Relax tensions.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Watch your step or you can put your foot right into it, causing all kinds of complications. Be on the alert.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Let reason rather than impulse

guide all your activities today. Use your best judgment in every normal routine.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—There's romance in the air for you today if you are seeking it. Plan to have an enjoyable time. Forget work!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 23)—Being congenial with your job, however simple it may be, will give you a high degree of happiness.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 23)—Idealism pays good dividends, if after having an inspiration you implement it by practical applications.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 23-Feb. 19)—The morning hours are not too good, but conditions improve after lunch. This is to get your best work done.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Look before you leap and don't be too adventurous. Avoid getting into minor disputes that might lead to a major argument.

• JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Double Fails To Stop Foe

By OSWALD JACOBY

SOUTH had no trouble making the heart game. All he had to lose were three tricks—one in each suit except diamonds.

North's bidding is most instructive. He knew that someone was fooling since he held too much stuff for all the other bids to be sound. Still there was no need for him to take immediate action. The redoubled relieved him of the need to bid and he decided to let his partner show a suit.

His raise to three hearts showed that he held a decent hand and South was delighted to go on to game.

West's bluff redoubled slowed his opponents up a trifle, but did not stop them at all. If West wanted to stop the opponents he had an effective

NORTH 22	
♠ 5 4	
♥ A 10 2	
♦ K 9 7	
♣ Q 8 7 3	
WEST	
♠ K J 9 8	
♥ 7 4	
♦ J 2	
♣ 10 9 5 2	
EAST (D)	
♠ A K 10 7 3	
♥ K 9	
♦ 10 8 5 3	
♣ A 4	
SOUTH	
♠ 2	
♥ Q J 8 5 3	
♦ A Q 4	
♣ K J	
North and South vulnerable	
East South West North	
1 ♠ Double Redouble Pass	
2 ♥ Pass 2 ♥ Pass	
3 ♥ Pass 4 ♥ Pass	
Opening lead—♠ 8	

bid at his disposal. He could have jumped to three spades over the double.

This type of jump is by no means a forcing bid but merely preempts in an effort to shut the enemy out of the bidding. On today's hand it might have brought the contract, in which event East would have made the hand and shown a profit. Careful play would hold his losses to four tricks.

Furthermore, if North and South had still been able to reach the heart game, East could then have defended at four spades down one or maybe succeeded in pushing North and South to five hearts which would be too high.

• CARD SENSE •

Q—The bidding has been: West North East South
1 ♠ Double Redouble
You, South, hold:
♠ 5 4 ♥ A 10 2 ♦ K 9 7 ♣ Q 8 7 3
What do you do?
A—Pass. You can raise any suit that your partner chooses.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold:
♠ 5 4 ♥ A 10 2 ♦ K 9 7 ♣ Q 8 7 3
What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

TARGET

T	I	R
R	O	E
P	Y	P

HOW many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters in the word TARGET? The letters in the word TARGET are: T, A, R, G, E, T, A, R, G, E, T. The letters in the word TARGET are: T, A, R, G, E, T, A, R, G, E, T. The letters in the word TARGET are: T, A, R, G, E, T, A, R, G, E, T.

This Funny World



"I warned you not to use all the hot water"

WOMANSENSE

A NOVEL RANGE OF AUTHENTIC TARTANS

By JANE FIRTH

LONDON. During the past few years tartans have been high fashion, but it seems that few of them were really authentic. A whole range of 'new' tartans has appeared on the market, and it is likely to



A new short-length jacket and dress team in one of the new phantom tartans.

these was the fairly recently discovered Culloden.

Tartans came back in a big way when George IV, intent on impressing his Scottish citizens, arrived in Edinburgh in 1822 wearing tartan. He caught the Scots unawares, but the merchants soon made capital out of the Royal visit. The outcome was that many of the tartans hurriedly manufactured were not wholly accurate. Most of those we know stem from that time.

"PHANTOM" COLOURS

Mr Daigleish of Selkirk, who runs a hand-weaving business, has long been an authority on tartans, and as a result of many years' extensive research a whole new range of authentic tartans has been achieved. The exclusive rights of these (outside certain parts of Britain) have been taken over by Munrosglen, who are producing fabrics for sale by the yard and for making up into garments.

The 'new' range, if one dares to call it such, is once again using the old type of vegetable dyes instead of the modern chemical dyes. The result is that most of these latest tartans have muted, 'phantom' colours, which blend perfectly into the background of the countryside.

These neutral and softly glowing colours will fit especially well into the new fashion trend for the 'quiet' look. The sober black, white and brown of the Hunting Maclean lends itself ideally to a town, or country suit. The Ancient Macmillan, with its underground shade of gently glowing yellow, would



This woollen suit in "new" authentic tartan is made from an entirely different weave from the usual classic.

look elegant in a new short-jacket and dress ensemble. There are some twenty tartans in the new range from which to choose and each is made in two weights, 8 ozs. and 12 ozs. It is likely that a great deal of the production will help to boost our fashion exports.

IN GREAT DEMAND

Tartans have long been in great demand in Scandinavia, Italy, France, Holland and Belgium—and in even larger quantities in the United States. Those typically American garments, the knee-length "Bermuda" shorts, are a favourite item made in tartan. So, too, are tartan jackets and dresses. So, once again, age-old British tradition is revived to take its place alongside the "newest" things in fashion.

Daring Beach Ensembles

PARIS. BIKINIS will go back to the beaches this summer—in smaller and better shape than ever. Swim suit designers from France's sunny Riviera rebelled this year against the modest one-piece promoted by the Paris high-fashion designers. Tiktiner, a wholesale firm in Nice, currently is shocking shivering Parisians with daring beach "ensembles"—swimsuits, briefs, bras, suddenly covered by short tunics. He said his collection "seems to be wrapped in a sunbeam straight from the south of France."

Observers noted that it wrapped little else. The new Riviera bikinis leave plenty of wide open spaces for sunbathing purposes.

Italian All-in-one. Even Paris sportswear designers are beginning to admit that the less worn, the better the "look." "The woman is the line this year," said Andre Ledoux, a leading sportswear designer. But further south along the Riviera coast, the Italian "toute couture" practically banished bikinis from the beaches. Frudish, all-in-one styles replaced them.

In contrast, the French designers use a maximum yardage of two pocket handkerchiefs in creating their "bare" look. Tiktiner's "Bombay" swimsuit looks like a sifring draped in Hindu style, topped by a narrow band. Another has only three slouches between it and a movie censor bar. But these designers top the brief creations with Greek togas, tunics or men's style shirts, which stop on the right side of modesty.—United Press.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Apples should be stored in the coolest temperature possible without freezing them. Don't store near vegetables because fruits rapidly absorb vegetable odours.

To soften dry skin, apply skin cream before going outdoors. Remove most of the cream with water, and leave on a thin film to protect your skin from the weather.

When heating milk in a saucepan, rinse the pan first with water, and the milk won't stick.

Vary scrambled eggs this way. Beat 4 eggs slightly, and

New Cosmetic Trends Inspired By Spring Flowers

NEW YORK. The flowers that bloom in the spring have inspired the colour of new make-up this year. Spring cosmetic trends show make-ups that will resemble a flower garden in tone and feeling. Colours and textures will have a bright, fresh, petal-soft look. Foundations lend a dewy, shining effect.

Watch for greater emphasis on eye make-up. A spokesman for one cosmetic firm said that ceyeshadow, eye liner and eyebrow pencil must be used to keep eyes from being hidden by deep brows, face-framing cloche and slouch hats which are in style this spring.

Chiffon also will make the average woman look make-up. "But it must be natural, not theatrical," said the cosmetician. Shades of a garden rose turn up in one rouge. The manufacturer says this rouge contains "lavone," an ingredient found in red flowers, berries and leaves.

Another firm will feature the "garden party" look. This matches floral printed fabrics. Eye make-up, lipstick and rouge will come in "Van Gogh sun colours"—bright tones.

Make-up to match clothes also is the theme of another firm which states that lavender is the leading colour. "This make-up comes in charcoal grey. The firm says it "sounds dramatic but actually is flattering."—United Press.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

How Old Is Mr. Punch?

—He Has the Same Birthday As the Apple Tree—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF and Hanid looked into Mr. Punch's room and saw him down on his knees, scrubbing the floor. He looked up and nodded.

"Sit yourselves down, my dears," he said from the floor. "I'll be through in a few minutes."

So Knarf and Hanid sat themselves down in chairs in a dry part of the room and waited for Mr. Punch to get through.

Mr. Punch rubbed and scrubbed and scrubbed and rubbed. He worked hard and he worked fast and the floor looked clean and bright.

Knarf and Hanid kept watching him.

Rosy Cheeks

Mr. Punch had nice rosy cheeks but he had grey hair and when he finally finished scrubbing, he sat down in a chair and smiled and said: "Dear me, I'm not as young as I used to be! No, I'm getting old... getting old!"

Knarf and Hanid looked at Mr. Punch in surprise. "How old are you, Mr. Punch?" Hanid asked.

"How old? Why, I can tell you that at once. Do you see that apple tree standing next to the garden wall?"

Knarf and Hanid looked out

of the window and saw the apple tree.

It was old and bent but it still appeared very sturdy and strong—and it was covered with green leaves. Also, a robin was standing on the topmost branch and singing cheerily.

"Yes, we see the apple tree you mean," Knarf replied.

"But what has that got to do with how old you are?" asked Hanid.

"Well," said Mr. Punch smiling again, "on the day I was born, my mother and father planted that apple tree. They never told me how old I was. They just said: 'Punchie, you never

need to know how old you are. You're just as old as that apple tree.' And that's exactly how old I am," said Mr. Punch.

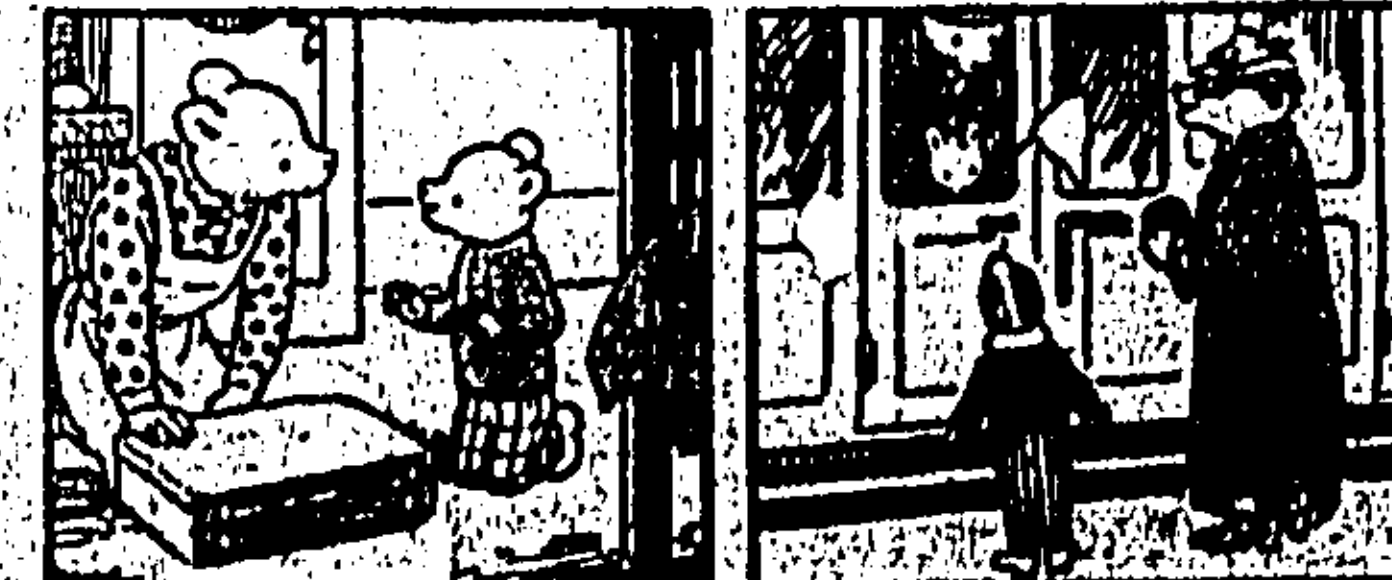
"But—how old is the apple tree?" said Hanid, puckering up her face in a puzzled frown.

Same Age

"Why, that's easy too," Mr. Punch smiled. "It's just exactly as old as I am. We're the very same age! Now isn't that easy, my dears?"

He was silent for a moment or two. Then he said in a lower voice: "I've never asked the apple tree and the apple tree has never asked me. I'm afraid that we really don't care how old we are. What difference does it make as long as we can stand and enjoy the garden and listen to the robins sing?"

Rupert and the Rock Pool—3



While he is helping his Mummy to pack for the holiday, Rupert tells her of what the quail has asked him to do. "So he wants you to find some eggs for his collection, does he?" says Mrs. Baggins. "We must buy you a little pet on our way to the station," Mrs. Baggins and Bill cannot get away until the next day, but they come to see Rupert and his friends. "Mind you look out for us. And order some sunny weather!" ALL RIGHTS RESERVED



Mr. Punch was on his knees scrubbing the floor.

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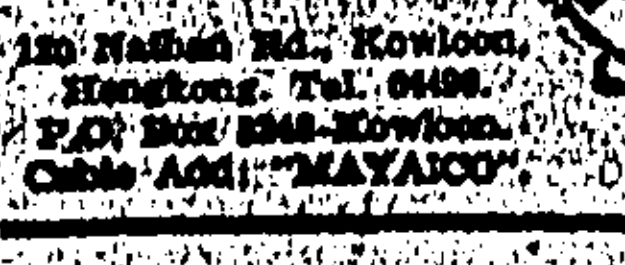
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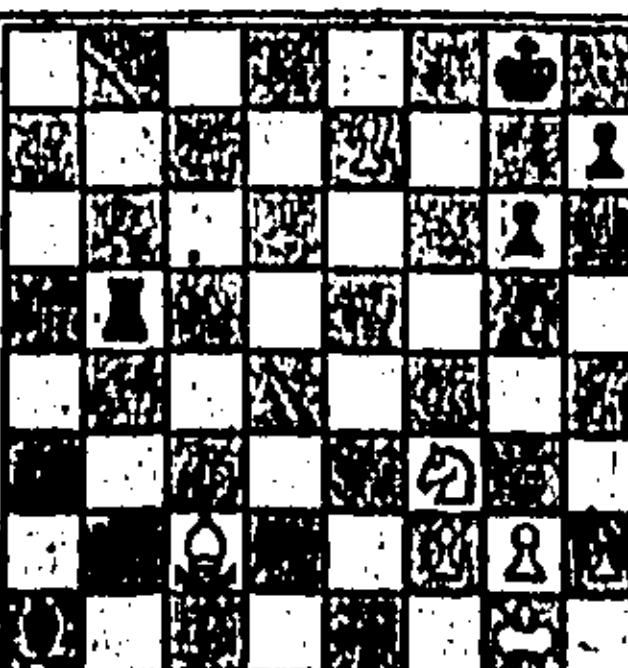
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by LEONARD BARDEN



In this tournament game the Russian grandmaster Boleslavsky could have drawn with 1... R-K1. Instead he chose 1... K-B3. Why was this a blunder?

Solution to yesterday's problem: 1-Q-KR1

COLONY BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS

SCHOOLGIRLS DRINK THE CHEERS IN AND PULL OFF A MAJOR UPSET

By "TOUCHWOOD"

What a glorious triumph it was for two teenagers — Miss Diana Yung (15) and Miss Chan Yuen-yue (16) — in the Ladies' Doubles final at the Craigengower Cricket Club last night.

Pitted against two of the Colony's most seasoned campaigners, Misses Ullian Khoo and Helen Kwong, the two schoolgirls pulled off one of the biggest upsets of the tournament by scoring an 18-17, 6-15, 15-2 victory to win the first major title of their career.

Starting out as underdogs, the combination of Diana Yung and Chan Yuen-yue had all the encouragement they needed from the spectators and each point they scored was enthusiastically acknowledged.

The one big reason why the newly crowned Champions won lay in the fact that their cross court drive services were effective in a war of nerves. This was thanks to the stubbornness of their opponent who were definitely using backhand returns to the spudding services of the Misses Yung and Chan.

Miss Khoo and Miss Kwong, instead of taking these services with around the head shots, simply lifted their rackets to block the bird with the result that it travelled only half court for the Misses Yung and Chan to kill with their smashing shots.

Misses Khoo and Kwong were unlikely to forget this final very easily for at one stage in this three-set match they looked set to snuff out all opposition without much exertion. This was in the second set when they played true to expectations to win at 15-0.

CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS

The Senior Open Singles title went to last year's Junior Triple Champion, George Ma, who played badminton of championship class when he beat this year's Junior Champion, Lee Wing-foon, in straight sets of 15-5, 15-7.

I have never seen George Ma play so seriously in my over two

NEW CHAMP.



George Ma, the Colony Open Singles Champion, who beat Lee Wing-foon 15-5, 15-7 at the CCC last night.

years of association with Hong-kong badminton. Last night George Ma discarded the fancy strokes which hitherto had been his weakness. Confidence was written all over Ma's face from the moment he took to the court and at no stage was his opponent anywhere near his class.

Ma made Lee Wing-foon dance to his tune. He lobbed, chopped, smashed and volleyed with such near perfect accuracy that Lee was caught on the wrong foot time and again. Speed, that extra split second timing rush to the net, proved to be the winning factor for George Ma. With the advantage of his height, Ma had Lee Wing-foon completely at his mercy and the best stroke he executed was his sideline hard smash which won him point after point.

After the two finals the Men's Open Doubles semi-final, featuring the Thailand Thomas Cup players — Kamol Sutvanit and Sunthorn Suphaphon — who arrived in Hongkong a few hours before their match, was the highlight of the evening. Sutvanit and Suphaphon had a special mission here and that

was to defend the title they won last year. Against Dr Low Keat-soo and M. A. Ebrahim, the Thai pair walked off with the opening set without much difficulty but then found themselves in an uphill battle when Low and Ebrahim kept sending over parallel shots which denied them the chance to smash.

AMPLE COMPENSATION

This doubles match, though it lasted two sets, provided ample compensation for the spectators who stayed right to the end and saw lively and highly interesting badminton.

Sutvanit and Suphaphon won 15-0, 15-12. In tonight's final they clash with Robert Tay and Ramon Young and it is almost certain that the Colony Doubles title will once again leave these shores.

Sutvanit has lost none of his Jack-in-the-box net tap shots and so adept was he in fancy strokes that he reminded me of the late Ken Davidson, one of the few real masters in this branch of the game.

The Thais are fast becoming a nation of badminton doubles players. Their style of play is a defence makes it especially hard to find an open space to place the shuttle out of their reach.

Dr Low Keat-soo, who is a player of quite some repute, having won the Malaya Doubles title with Teh Gie-soo in 1955, spoke very highly of the Thai pair and commended them on their very sound defence.

The Championships conclude at the Craigengower Cricket Club tonight. Mrs A. M. Rodgers, wife of the President of the Hongkong Badminton Association, will present the prizes after this evening's final.

Pakistani Enters Quarter-Finals In Squash Debut

London, Mar. 21. Making his first attempt to win the title, Mohibullah, a 17-year-old Pakistani, reached the quarter-finals of the British Open Squash Rackets Championships at the Lansdowne Club by defeating his compatriot, Jamal Din, (Edinburgh Sports Club) 9-6, 9-7, 9-2 tonight.

Mohibullah, a left-hander and the youngest player in the event, proved too fast and skilful for his rival, frequently leaving him hopelessly beaten with well placed, angled shots.

His uncle, Roshan Khan (Pakistan) last year's runner-up, also reached the last eight, defeating Jamal Din's younger brother Khan Din, of the Abbeydale Park Club, 9-3, 9-4, 8-5.

The other quarter-finalists, who qualified yesterday, were: Hashim Khan, British Champion for the past six years, his brother Azam and Englishmen J. Giles and R. Hawkey.

The Khans and Dins are not related though all come from the same tiny village near Peshawar. Perkins (England) and D. B. Hughes (Wales) also qualified for the quarter-finals today.

First Round — D. B. Hughes (Wales) beat M. Amin (Pakistan) 9-7, 9-1, 9-3. Mohibullah (Pakistan) beat Jamal Din, 9-6, 9-7, 9-2. M. J. Perkins beat W. Vaughan (England) 10-8, 9-7, 9-3. Roshan Khan (Pakistan) beat Khan Din 9-3, 9-4, 9-5. France-Press.

Results of last night's matches were: Men's Senior Singles Final — George Ma beat Lee Wing-foon, 15-5, 15-7. Ladies' Senior Doubles Final — Diana Yung and Chan Yuen-yue beat Helen Kwong and Ullian Khoo, 18-17, 6-15, 15-2.

Men's Senior Doubles Semi-Final — S. Sutvanit and K. Suphaphon beat K. S. Low and M. A. Ebrahim, 15-1, 15-12.

Senior Mixed Doubles Semi-Finals — K. S. Low and Ullian Khoo beat K. W. Hunter and Mrs Hunter, 15-3, 15-13.

R. Tay and Diana Yung beat George Ma and Helen Kwong, 15-7, 15-5.

TONIGHT'S GAMES AT CCC 8.15 p.m. — Senior Men's Doubles Final — K. Sutvanit and S. Suphaphon (Thailand) v R. Tay and R. Young.

8.45 p.m. — Senior Ladies' Singles Final — Helen Kwong v Ullian Khoo. 9.15 p.m. — Senior Mixed Doubles Final — K. S. Low and Ullian Khoo v R. Tay and Diana Yung.

Japan's World Champion Beaten For The Third Time At Prague

Prague, Mar. 21. Toshiaki Tanaka, Japan's new World Singles Champion, was beaten for the third time in two days by a European player in a table tennis match here tonight. The Japanese team and a Czechoslovak selection drew 5-5.

Tanaka in the first game of the match before a crowd of 17,000 lost easily 14-21, 22-20, 12-21 against Czechoslovak Champion Ivan Andrejcs. Yesterday Tanaka was beaten in Augsburg by West Germany's Corny Feunderfer and Eric Arndt.

Czechoslovakia won all four Men's Singles games and the Mixed Doubles. Japan won all four Women's Singles matches and the Men's Doubles. A Mixed Doubles match between Tereba and Vyhnany of Czechoslovakia and Tanaka and Miyata of Japan was called off after Tanaka complained he was too tired to play.

Results were (Japanese names first):

Men's Singles — T. Tanaka lost to L. Andrejcs 12-21, 22-20, 12-21. I. Ogimura lost to L. Vyhnany 13-21, 14-21. K. Tanaka lost to L. Stipek 13-21, 10-21. I. Miyata lost to V. Tereba 11-21, 10-21.

Women's Singles — T. Okawa beat L. Frankova 21-15, 21-15. T. Namba beat E. Krejcova 21-11, 21-18. F. Eguchi beat K. Hruskova 21-7, 21-10.

Mixed Doubles — K. Watanabe beat V. Schwarzwald 17-21, 21-19, 21-19. Tanaka and Ogimura beat Andrejcs and Stipek 21-10, 12-21, 21-19.

Mixed Doubles — Eguchi and Ogimura lost to Krejcova and Stipek 21-24, 10-21. — Reuter.

MATCH DRAWN

London, Mar. 21. West Ham, the English Football League Second Division team, drew 3-3 with the Spartak Club of Czechoslovakia here tonight. — Reuter.

COLONY OPEN DOUBLES CHAMPIONS



This was the surprise packet of this year's Hongkong Badminton Association Championships. The Misses Diana Yung (left) and Chan Yuen-yue beat Misses Helen Kwong and Ullian Khoo to win the Senior Open Ladies' Doubles title at the Craigengower Cricket Club last night. Miss Yung and Miss Chan, pictured here, won 18-17, 6-15, 15-2. — China Mail Photo.

ALL-ENGLAND BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS

Oon Chong Teik Earns Quarter-Final Berth In Open Singles

Wembley, Middlesex, Mar. 21. Oon Chong-teik, of Malaya, easily won his third round match and a place in the quarter-finals of the Men's Singles when the All-England Badminton Championships were continued today at the Empire Pool here.

He beat H. S. Parmar, an Indian born player resident in Malaya, 15-7, 15-5.

Oon, who is studying medicine at Cambridge University, showed superior courtcraft and, varying his game cleverly, he always had the measure of Parmar. Even from the baseline Oon scored with clever drop shots and interchanging these with strong smashes he had Parmar fighting a losing battle most of the way.

Parmar fought well, particularly in the second game, but what really hurt him were usually ended with a clever winner from Oon.

The last Englishmen in the Men's Singles were beaten during the third round matches when the unseeded Dane, E. Kops, beat seeded Perry Somerville of Indonesia yesterday. Dick Hashman 15-4, 15-5 and seeded Dane P. Grunlund beat E. J. Timperley 15-10, 15-13. To complete the third round, Joe Alston, the American FBI agent, beat P. Ferguson (Canada) 15-11, 15-3.

Oon Chong (Malaya), the holder of the Koppers (Denmark), Dick McTaggart (Canada) and J. Hammergaard Hansen (Denmark), all seeds, had won through to the quarter-finals yesterday.

WOMEN'S SINGLES

In the quarter-finals of the Women's Singles Miss M. Shedd (Canada) beat Mrs. T. Alm (Denmark) 11-1, 11-6. Miss J. H. Best (United States) beat Miss A. Jacobsen (Denmark) 11-0, 11-0. Miss M. Varner (United States), holder, beat Mrs. J. C. Rogers (England) 5-11, 11-3, 11-2.

Women's Singles' quarter-finals continued when Mrs. J. C. Alston (United States) beat Miss T. Peterson (Denmark) 11-12, 12-11, 11-8.

First into the men's semi-finals was Eddy Choong, the titleholder, who crushed J. Hammergaard Hansen (Denmark) 15-12, 15-4. — Reuter.

THE RESULTS Men's Doubles — Second Round F. Koppers and J. Hammergaard Hansen (Denmark), holders, beat K. R. Derrick and R. J. Tunstead (Britain) 7-16, 15-5, 16-4. J. C. Alston and H. A. Heath (Malaya) beat H. P. Findlay and E. J. Timperley (Britain) 16-13, 16-6. H. H. Heath and Oon Chong-teik (Malaya) beat F. Somerville (Indonesia) and J. R. Best (Britain) 15-10, 12-15, 15-3. P. Ferguson and D. F. McTaggart (Canada) beat J. R. Coul-

Eddy Choong Poised To Retain Title

London, Mar. 21. Eddy Choong (Malaya) and Miss Margaret Varner (United States) are poised to retain their singles titles in the All-England Badminton Championships, having reached the semi-finals today without being extended.

Surprise survivors are Ealand Kops, a young Dane, and Mrs J. C. Alston (United States), wife of an FBI agent. Neither was a seed but they have fought through to the semi-finals of their respective events.

Kops, who eliminated Perry Somerville yesterday, had another seed among his victims today when in the quarter-final he beat Oon Chong-teik (Malaya). This earned a Danish finalist as his compatriot Kim Koppers, the No. two seed, will be his opponent tomorrow.

Choong, who has won the title in the other semi-final, Mrs Alston has also beaten two seeded players on her way to the last four. Yesterday it was E. J. Timperley (Britain) and today, in a quarter-final, she put out T. Peterson (Denmark). Tomorrow she meets Judy Devlin (United States), the 1954 Champion and runner-up for the past two years.

The other semi-final will be between Margaret Varner (United States) and Miss M. Shedd (Canada). — Reuter.

International Rugby Union Team To Meet Wales

London, Mar. 21. The International Rugby Union team, drawn from England, Scotland and Ireland, to meet a Welsh XV at Cardiff on April 6 in aid of the 1958 British Empire and Commonwealth Games Fund is: P. J. Berkery (of Ireland), A. R. Smith (of Scotland), W. P. C. Davies (of England), J. W. O'Leary (of Ireland), R. E. G. Jeeps (of Ireland), B. G. Wood (of England), E. Evans (of England), the captain, E. Elliot (of Scotland), R. W. D. Marquis (of England), R. E. Reid (of Ireland), A. R. Higgins (of England), J. T. Greenwood (of Scotland), and P. G. Robbins (of England). — China Mail Special.

Strong Burmese Soccer Team To Play In S'pore

Singapore, Mar. 21. A strong Burmese soccer team may visit Singapore either in August or September for a series of matches. Mr. Tan Chien-chuan, Singapore Football Association council member, said here today on his return from Burma. He has been negotiating in Rangoon for a proposed tour of Burma by a Singapore team in November. Mr. Tan said the Burmese were agreeable to this, but were keen to pay Singapore a visit first, and Burmese officials had suggested a tour at the end of this season in August or September. — Reuter.

Handicaps For The Tenth Race Meeting

Handicaps for the 10th Race Meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club on Saturday, March 30 and Saturday, April 6 will be as follows:

<p>1st Day</p> <p>RACE 1</p> <p>D'Aguilar Peak Handicap. Novices. Class 9. 1 1/4 Miles. — Acs High (145), Applause (158), Barometer (142), Blossom Time (159), Collin (145), Dazed Gold (146), Dona Maria (158), Evergreen (145), Festival View (142), Green Velvet (143), Happy Warrior (157), Isis (147), Many Returns (146), Senorita (135), Sky Horse (155), Thunder Sky (145), V.I.P. (161), Zorimar (144).</p> <p>RACE 2</p> <p>Bacon Hill Stakes. (1st Sec.) 1957 Ponies. 5 Furl. — Blue Train (147) (late Locomotive), Celebration Day (147), Diamond Lil (147), Ding Dong (147), Ishman (147), Jet Chi (147), Mademoiselle (147), Noshua (147), Permanent (147), Supremacy (147), Rosalind (147), Winning Streak (147), Yum Sing (147).</p> <p>RACE 3</p> <p>Red Hill Stakes. 1957 Ponies. 1 Mile. — Brilliance (152), Buttery (152), Co-ordination (152), Courter (155), Edinburgh (153), Farnham (140), Glamour Girl (152), Golden City (155), Golden Nugget (155), Great Triumph (155), Happy Birthday (140), King Kong (140), Mistle Eyes (155), Milky Way (155), Reyz (155), Scarlet (152), Serbu (152).</p> <p>RACE 4</p> <p>Victoria Peak Handicap. Class 1. From 1 1/4 M. Post. — Babsio (147), Charleroi (155), Golden Branch (148), Ivan-Bo (159), Johnner (149), Raja (150), Red Light (155), Shiraz (157), Strathairn (141), Winsome Stag (159).</p> <p>RACE 5</p> <p>Mount Parker Handicap. Class 6. 1 1/4 Miles. — Apollo (143), Dora (150), Encore (159), Every Day (155), Forward View (151), Free Success (149), Gallant Knight (140), High Noon (150), Lake Success (145), Tonyber (156).</p> <p>RACE 6</p> <p>Mount Gough Handicap. (1st Sec.) Class 3. 1 Mile. — Anson (147), Beaulieu Beauty II (150), Bluegrass (148), Cordon Rouge (147), Easy Win (150), Helicon (157), Hongkong Diamond (148), Kelpe (141), Long Cue (159), Never Mind (158), Rainbow (159), Tell Me (157), night (140), The Cherub (157).</p> <p>RACE 7</p> <p>Bacon Hill Stakes. (2nd Sec.) 1957 Ponies. 5 Furl. — As You Like It (147), As You Wish (147), Confuser (147), Hecuba (147), Kraby Klara (147), Lyndon (147), Madam Fortune (147), Manxman (147), New Delhi (147), Ol Lok Princess (147), Prima Donna (147), Roman Hero (147), Straight Runner (147), Tiger Shark (147).</p> <p>RACE 8</p> <p>Stone Hill Stakes. 1957 Ponies. 1 Mile. — Alex's Gift (147), Angel's Pearl (147), Asim Didi (147), Cavalry (147), Cherry Pie (147), Curran Call (147), Don Juan (147), Gay Minister (147), Bonus (147), Negan Loong (147), Opportune (147), Satisfaction (147), Shillingleigh (147), Splendid (147), Tai Ping Shan (147), Temptation (147), Viewpoint (147), Wing Hung (147).</p> <p>RACE 9</p> <p>Mount Butler Handicap. (1st Sec.) Class 6. 6 Furl. — A Power (143), Another Victory (156), Easy Money (155), High Speed (137), Hiram C (155), Jelfield (159), Kops (157), Mistle (153), Precious Mine (153), Squadron Leader (151), Strathvohr (159).</p> <p>RACE 10</p> <p>Mount Gough Handicap. (2nd Sec.) Class 3. 1 Mile. — Ambition (151), American Currier (140), Beautiful Lc (143), Burning Arrow (139), Diana (137), Fighting Spirit (135), King A (155), Larc Triomphe (154), Pandora (157), Resurrection (157), Santa Maria (142), Spookman (150), Tumb (149).</p>	<p>RACE 3</p> <p>Mount Nicholson Handicap. Class 8. From 1 1/4 M. Post. — Blonkie (158), Caravelle (135), Cornhill (159), Easy Slam (153), Escalator (139), Full-of-Spirit (151), Hwaitha (153), Ironside (159), Marine Charger (157), Matador (154), Mayhem (154), (145), My Pal (142), Not So Bad (149), Ont (139), October Morn (144), Pearl of Hongkong (145), Quizette (144), Scrima (140), Snowy (167).</p> <p>RACE 4</p> <p>Mount Nicholson Handicap. Class 7. 1 Mile. — Attractive Power (149), Carola (135), Chickupum (148), Emperor De-light (159), Flying Dutchman (155), French Bean (150), Gay Side (150), Invincible (140), King Rider (141), Ma Cherie (142), Mainstay II (144), Morning Dew (145), Orange King (150), Our Pride (159), Perfect (149), Silver Dalia (159), Sultan (153), Tell-me-moro (140), Waglan (130).</p> <p>RACE 5</p> <p>Mount Davis Handicap. (1st Sec.) Class 4. From 2 M. Post. — After Dark (145), Apple Pie (155), Cover Girl (153), Flara (153), First Edition (149), Huntington (159), Hyalmon (146), Manxman (157), Oscar Prize (145), Sea Raker (145), Supreme Command (149).</p> <p>RACE 6</p> <p>Fottiger Peak Handicap. (1st Sec.) Class 5. 1 Mile. — Ann Cook (142), Anna (155), Appa-tion (150), Appa-tion (150), Beloved (150), Constellation (155), Distant Sky (159), Fieldmaster (153), Five Gold (159), Glia (145), Lawrence (141), Precious Gem (139), Spinning Wheel (145), Star-gold (140), Sunstreak (135), Yulet Ray (141), Winning Touch (139).</p> <p>RACE 7</p> <p>Mount Cameron Handicap. Class 4. From 1 1/4 M. Post. — Barrington (150), Bell (147), Belladonna (150), Chex (151), Caesar (157), Dragonfly (150), Emerald (141), Full Ahead (159), Gidcup (159), Hallmark (143), How Do I Know (153), John Halifax (152), Mascot (150), Mayfair (153), Potentially (147).</p> <p>RACE 8</p> <p>Mount Nicholson Handicap. (2nd Sec.) Class 7. 1 Mile. — Atomic Caesar (144), Brivato (141), Comet (144), Dutch Courage (157), Equite (150), Fel Chi (156), Free Kick (155), Good Girl (143), Hawaiian Moon (155), Jerebel (150), Lombard (150), Non Love (140), Prince Dallas (157), Rebel II (144), Santa Clara (155), Shelltop (145), Tanager (150), Wise Leader (150).</p> <p>RACE 9</p> <p>Mount Davis Handicap. (2nd Sec.) Class 4. From 2 M. Post. — Begal, Begal (150), Belladonna (150), Ecstasy (153), Fenchurch (150), Never Forget (157), Old Tyre (152), Outsider (145), Princess Ellen (145), Queen's Perchment (159).</p> <p>RACE 10</p> <p>Fottiger Peak Handicap. (2nd Sec.) Class 5. 1 Mile. — Aladdin (150), Cirrus (138), Crackjack (153), Empire Rose (155), Ever-gold (149), Firestone (143), Fox Hunter (157), King (150), Larc Triomphe (154), Good Condition (140), Hellzapoppin (140), Jip On (157), Possibility II (145), Same Again (153), Thousand Miles (145), Yin Chi (159).</p>
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After 4 1/2 Hours — Victory

After nearly five hours' play, Edwin Tai and Tui Wai-pui finally claimed the Colony Grandstand Doubles title when they won with a score of 8-7, 7-8, 8-9, 9-7 against Koon-kun and Norman Lo at Chater Road yesterday.

This match took the best part of the light allowance of two Hongkong evenings — the first in which the second in the spring. The two pairs had battled at one set-all and 5-6 in the third when falling light stopped play on March 12.

Yesterday, by mutual agreement, they started all over again. Tui Wai-pui, light again, claimed a tie-breaker, 10-12, and Lo won the first set in a long drawn out affair of deuces at 8-6 and then dropped the next at 2-7.

The third set was a runaway victory for Edwin Tai and Tui Wai-pui who took the set to love. In the final set the score was tied at 5-5, 6-6 and 1-2 and four very fast and exciting rallies followed. Tai and Tui Wai-pui, through 15-9 and victory.

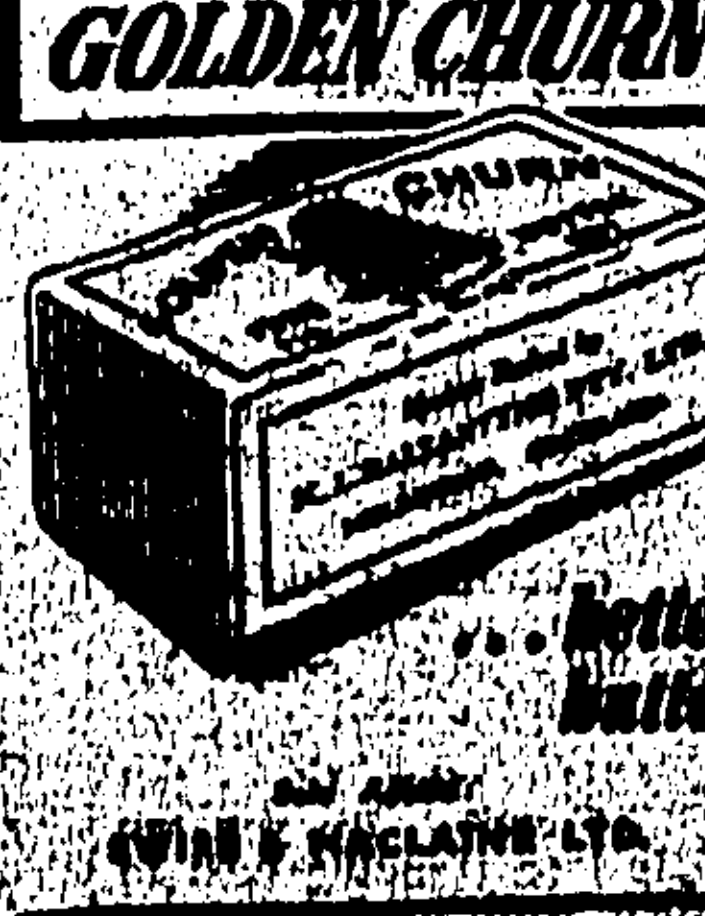
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US MOVES MILITARY TARGETS

Vulnerability To Guided Missiles

By WILLIAM FLYNN

San Francisco, California, Mar. 7.

The United States Department of Defence is stripping the San Francisco bay area, one of nation's major targets, of military installations.

Orders stopping industrial development and expansion indicate the increasing determination of the federal government to establish its defence facilities inland, beyond the probable range of guided missiles launched from submarines.

Local government and business leaders have protested against the decision—in vain. Recent developments which have focused attention on the Defence Department's decision and policy include:

1. Boeing Aircraft Company, builder of the six- and eight-engine jet bombers which are the main weapons of the United States strategic air command, was refused permission to build a guided missile plant on a site on San Francisco Bay.

2. Plans are being completed for the removal of the navy's Pacific area communications headquarters from San Francisco to a site more than 100 miles from the coast.

3. The navy has indicated that all its headquarters facilities are to be moved from San Francisco to a site in the high Sierra Mountains, almost 200 miles to the east.

4. Plans are being completed to remove jet fighter squadrons from the huge Moffett Field Naval Air Station which is within ten miles of the coast. It is from this station that naval aviation transports operate throughout the Pacific and from there too, that armed fighters patrol the Pacific coast on guard duty.

General Motors

Not directly linked with the Defence Department's policies to prevent further development of the San Francisco Bay Area industrial complex because of its vulnerability to attack by enemy guided missiles from submarines, but also significant in the decision of the General Motors Corporation to abandon plans for a \$50,000,000 (about £17,000,000) assembly plant in the area.

Significant, too, is the decision of the Department of the Army to close its historical Letterman General Hospital at the presidio of San Francisco, and replace it with a new installation in an area less inviting to enemy attack.

The military's decision concerning the proposed Boeing plant was the most revealing to industrial leaders in the San Francisco bay area. Boeing is engaged in design and production of the Bomarc guided missile, which is one of the "futuristic weapons" that come a reality in "push button warfare."

The Company needed a new plant. Available at Richmond, California, on San Francisco Bay, was an old Ford Motor Company assembly plant, abandoned when Ford moved to new establishment near Palo Alto, 50 miles south of San Francisco.

The site was sold to the aircraft company. Boeing took an option on the plant and was preparing to close the deal when the Department of Defence stepped in and ordered a halt.

Dispersal

Its order was based on a policy of dispersal established, officials said, in 1955 and based on the premise that defence plants within guided missile range of the coast would be sitting targets for attack from submarines.

The demand that major defence plants be established in geographical areas least susceptible to attack goes back to the days of World War II. Then, there was effort to force Boeing to abandon Seattle, Washington, in the Pacific northwest, as its major aircraft production plant. Eventually a compromise was reached under which some of the production was retained at Seattle and nearby Renton, Washington, and a new plant was established in the middle west, at Wichita, in Kansas. It is in Kansas that most of the B-52 production is turned out.

Research establishments for the development of weapons, however, are now being built in the San Francisco bay area. Lockheed Aircraft Corporation, which builds the Constellation, is constructing a similar research laboratory for work on guided missiles at Stanford University, Palo Alto. Nearby are expanding electronics factories which are more concerned with defence orders than with the production of "civilian goods."—China Mail Special.

Famine: Peking Calls For Better Harvest

Tokyo, Mar. 21.

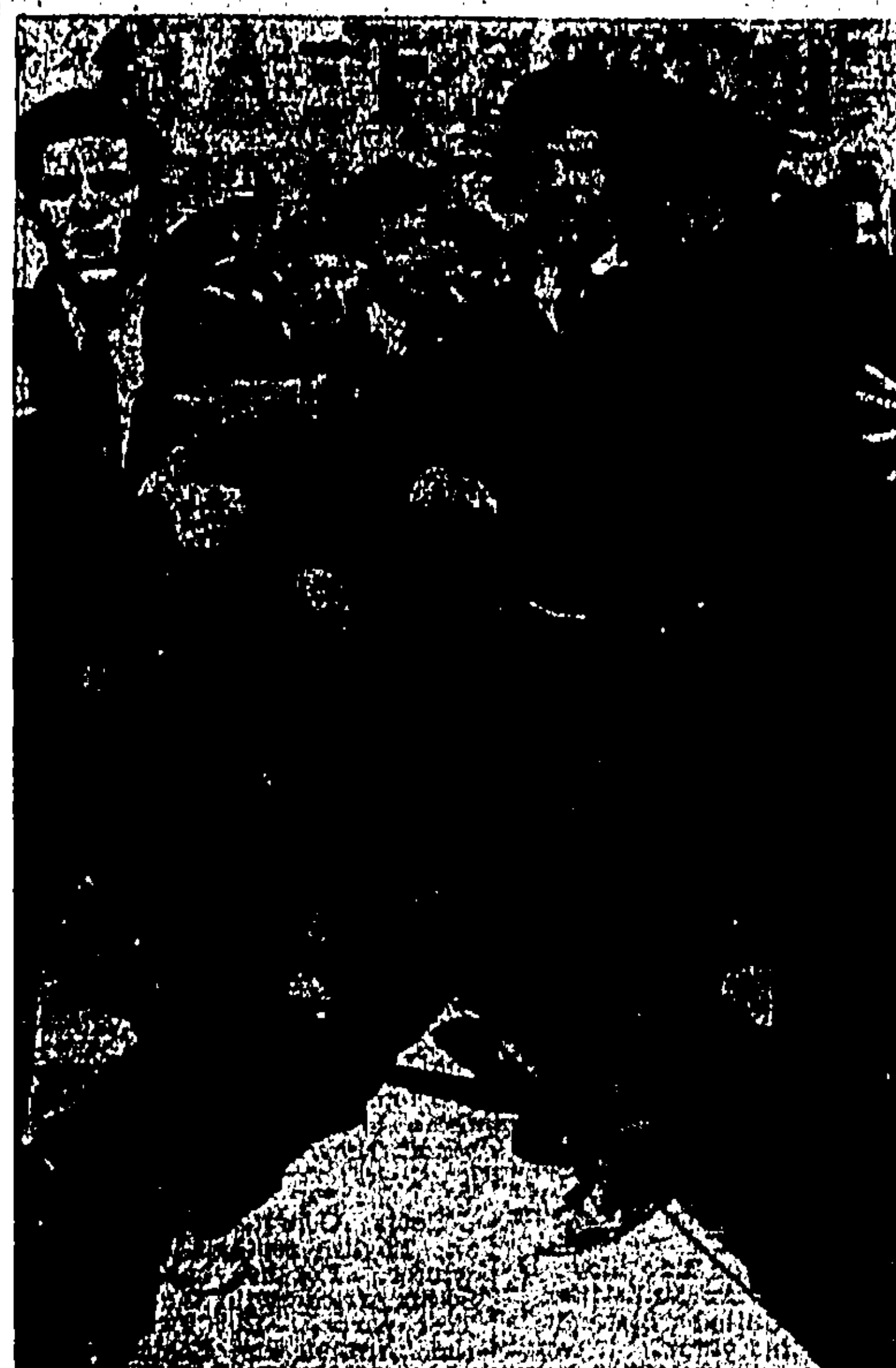
Communist Chinese leaders have called on the people "to carry out spring sowing well and fight for a better harvest" as Western sources reported a spring famine on the horizon for the nation's more than 400 million peasants.

The call was issued Tuesday in a joint directive by the powerful Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party and the State Council. It was reported today by Radio Peking. The directive, the Radio said, "enumerates the positive factors which make a bumper crop a realistic target this year," and calls for increased acreage of multiple cropping, increase in double cropping of rice fields, wide use of good seeds and the use of new types of farm implements.

CO-OPERATIVES

It said managers of farm co-operatives should concentrate on grain production primarily and the "development of animal husbandry, forestry, fishery and other side occupations should be encouraged." "Positive factors" for a bumper crop this year as listed by Radio Peking today included "the completion of co-operation of agriculture... the early start given to spring sowing, the peasants' accumulated experience, the financial and technical support given by the state... and the higher prices paid by the state for certain farm products such as pigs and oil seeds."

A report out of Hongkong yesterday said another spring famine loomed for the millions of Chinese peasants with enormous problems confronting the nation's rulers because of the great 1954 food and natural calamities such as typhoons and droughts hitting the country-side in wide areas.—United Press.



Greek students struggle with policemen in Athens during a demonstration against the hanging in Cyprus of a 19-year-old youth convicted of carrying a firearm.—London Express Photo.

Suhrawardy For Japan

Karachi, Mar. 21.
The Pakistan Prime Minister, Mr. H. S. Suhrawardy will visit Japan at the invitation of the Japanese Government about the 20th of next month. Foreign Office sources disclosed here tonight.—Reuter.

STUDENTS PROTEST

Lack Of Stimulus On Wall Street

New York, Mar. 21.

Stocks held in an extremely narrow, irregular pattern as market interest continued at a minimum in the absence of any stimulus. Turnover lagged 200,000 shares behind Wednesday at only 1,630,000 shares.

Measured by the averages, industrials rose only .09 point to 474.02; rails up .34 to 143.59, utilities off .030 to 70.63 and 65 stocks up .12 to 107.31. Only a few groups and individual features were noteworthy. The main list moved very narrowly as traders hesitated to make commitments. Aircrafts were among the best performers with gains of over 2 points in United and Douglas.

There was interest in motors where the recently strong Chrysler fell nearly a point and where American Motors continued to edge up on turnover which made it the day's most active issue.

Steel was fractionally lower for the most part. Chemicals also declined.

Of 1,008 issues traded, 388 were higher, 416 lower, 291 unchanged with 11 at new highs, 7 new lows.

NY Stock Exchange bond volume was \$3,150,000. American Stock Exchange volume was 710,000 shares.

Closing Prices

Allied Chemicals	20 1/2	30 1/2
Allied Mills Inc.	22 1/2	31 1/2
Alle Chem.	18 1/2	32 1/2
American Airline	18 1/2	33 1/2
American Cable & Radio Corp.	18 1/2	34 1/2
American Cyanamide Co.	18 1/2	35 1/2
Amer. & Foreign Power	18 1/2	36 1/2
Amer. Mach. & Fdry.	18 1/2	37 1/2
American Steel	18 1/2	38 1/2
Armour	18 1/2	39 1/2
Atlas Corp.	18 1/2	40 1/2
Baldwin-Lima-Ham.	18 1/2	41 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	18 1/2	42 1/2
Bentley Finance	18 1/2	43 1/2
Benjamin Franklin Corp.	18 1/2	44 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	18 1/2	45 1/2
Boeing Aircraft	18 1/2	46 1/2
Borden (The) Co.	18 1/2	47 1/2
Burrus & Co. Machine	18 1/2	48 1/2
Canadian Pacific R.	18 1/2	49 1/2
Case (J. I.) Co.	18 1/2	50 1/2
Chas. Tractor	18 1/2	51 1/2
Citibank	18 1/2	52 1/2
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Macao, 6 p.m.

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Formosa, Japan, 6 p.m.
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Macao, 6 p.m.
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Macao, 6 p.m.
SUNDAY, MARCH 24
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Formosa, 6 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.
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